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ISLAMIC STATE

Group emerges as political force in West Africa

By JOHN VANDIVER
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STUTTGART, Germany — Islamic State militants in West Africa are gaining the upper hand, carving out a "proto-state" in northern Nigeria, where government forces have been overwhelmed by attacks, U.S. military officials and security analysts say.

ISIS-West Africa, which broke away from the militant group Boko Haram three years ago, continues to launch high-profile attacks that have placed the Nigerian military "under tremendous strain," a new threat assessment by Stuttgart-based U.S. Africa Command says.

Now, the group appears to be building on its battlefield gains in northeastern Nigeria and the borderlands in the Lake Chad region, from which they have launched cross-border attacks in places like Niger.

"Additionally, the group is also attempting to replace state institutions for the population under its control," said Samantha Reho, an AFRICOM spokeswoman, in an updated assessment of the terrorist group.

A concern is that the group's affiliation with ISIS has the potential to provide access to "funds, fighters, weapons or other

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'The deeper it (ISIS-West Africa) sinks its roots into the neglected communities of northeastern Nigeria, the more difficult it may be to dislodge.'

International Crisis Group report

Plane spotting

Aviation enthusiasts flock to Death Valley's 'Star Wars Canyon' to snap fighter jets in action



Photographers train their cameras on an F/A-18 Super Hornet from Naval Air Station Lemoore as it dives low into Rainbow Canyon, also known as "Star Wars Canyon," in Death Valley National Park in Inyo County, Calif., in March.

IRFAN KHAN,
LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

By RUBEN VIVES
Los Angeles Times

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK, Calif. — The fighter jet was flying low over the desert valley when it banked and dove into a ravine. Between the ancient walls, it rumbled like a giant marble careening around a wooden floor. The noise, a stark contrast with the quietude of the desert, is part of the lure for the military veterans, aviation enthusiasts and photographers who gather at the top of "Star Wars Canyon" on the western edge of Death Valley National Park.

But what they really come for is to catch a glimpse of mechanical birds tearing the sky apart — and the U.S. Air Force and Navy pilots who maneuver them like fictional X-wing starfighters.

Hearing the rumble, Evert Van Koningsveld grabbed his camera and rushed over to a railing on the edge of the canyon. He followed the jet with his Canon 80D, snapping 14 photos in as many seconds. He stopped, lowered his camera and watched the jet disappear into a band of clouds stretched out like a string of cotton balls. The sky grumbled.

After the high-speed pass, Koningsveld reviewed each shot with a displeased look on his face.

The photos were vivid and sharp, but none of them had been shot from an angle that emphasized the sleek body of the F/A-18 Super Hornet, its trapezoidal wings, its cockpit, wing strakes or tail. There were no condensation trails on the wingtips, or glowing afterburners to convey the maneuverability and power of an aircraft that is capable of traveling faster than the speed of sound.

"That's aviation photography for you," he said. "You never know what you'll get."

Koningsveld walked back to his car, sat near the edge of the opened trunk and placed his camera next to him. He gazed at the sky and waited, hoping for another chance.

The canyon — more than 5 miles long and up to 5,000 feet wide — is about a three-hour drive northeast of Los Angeles, off State Route 190. On paper, it's known as Rainbow Canyon because of its gray, orange and red strata. The U.S. Air Force refers to it as the "Jedi Transition," but almost everyone else refers to it as "Star Wars Canyon."

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MILITARY

US ship sails near disputed islet second time in a week

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — For the second time in the past week, the United States has sent a ship into the vicinity of a South China Sea islet claimed by China, the Philippines and Taiwan.

The guided-missile destroyer USS Preble on Monday sailed within 12 nautical miles of Scarborough Shoal to “challenge excessive maritime claims and preserve access to the waterways as governed by international law,” said 7th Fleet spokesman Lt. Joe Keiley.

The Navy last week sent a U.S. vessel to an exercise in the area near the contested shoal.

The Coast Guard cutter Bertholf and two Philippine coast guard vessels practiced search-

and-rescue procedures May 14 near Scarborough Shoal, according to the Navy. Chinese coast guard vessels kept watch, according to Japanese broadcaster NHK.

Competing claims in April 2012 led to a standoff between naval and coast guard vessels from the Philippines — a U.S. ally — and China at Scarborough Shoal, which lies 120 nautical miles west of the Philippine island of Luzon, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative.

China “effectively controls” Scarborough Shoal as it has constantly kept its coast guard present at the feature since 2012, according to the transparency initiative.

Scarborough Shoal in the past was a popular spot for Philippine

fishermen before the Chinese coast guard arrived. Since then, China has barred fishermen from entering the shoal, according to the center, a nonprofit policy research group based in Washington, D.C.

Monday’s freedom-of-navigation operation came as China and the U.S. continue trade talks aimed at easing the escalating tariffs each country has imposed on the other, but Keiley said the operation was not geared toward any specific nation.

All operations are designed in accordance with international law and demonstrate that the United States will fly, sail and operate wherever international law allows,” he said. “... FONOPs are not about any one country, nor are they about making political statements.”

Monday’s operation was the



BRYAN NIEGEL/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The USS Preble steams through the Philippine Sea last month. On Monday, the Preble sailed near the Scarborough Shoal, its third freedom-of-navigation operation since February.

fourth of its kind reported this year and the third to include the Preble since February.

In January, the USS McCampbell sailed near the Paracel Islands, whose claimants include China, Vietnam and Taiwan. In February, the Preble and the destroyer USS Spruance passed within 12 nautical miles of the Spratly Islands, which are claimed by China, the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam and Taiwan.

The Navy on May 6 conducted another freedom of navigation operation in the South China Sea,

sending the Preble and destroyer USS Chung Hoon within 12 nautical miles of the Gaven and Johnson reefs in the Spratlys, Keiley said at the time.

The Paracel and Spratly islands offer rich fishing grounds and oil and gas deposits, according to the CIA World Factbook.

“We conduct routine and regular Freedom of Navigation Operations (FONOPs) as we have done in the past and will continue to in the future,” Keiley said.

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DOD funding for sex assault programs up, as are assaults

By TOM VANDEN BROOK
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WASHINGTON — Pentagon spending on sexual assault prevention and response programs has quadrupled since 2008, according to figures released by the Defense Department.

Whether that investment has paid dividends depends on where you stand:

■ Pentagon officials point to

a long-term trend of lower estimates of sexual assaults in the ranks over the last decade.

■ Critics of the military’s approach to prevention, however, note that the Pentagon’s report on sexual assault released recently showed a nearly 38% increase in the estimated number of sexual assaults between 2016 and 2018 — the latest period available. There were an estimated 20,500 assaults in 2018.

“I am deeply disturbed by the results of this year’s survey on sexual assault in the military,” said Rep. Jackie Speier, the California Democrat who chairs the Armed Services Committee’s panel on personnel. “Despite the hundreds of millions of dollars the Defense Department has spent on preventing and responding to sexual assaults over the last decade, more sexual assaults occurred in fiscal year 2018 than

fiscal year 2010. The number of assaults jumped 37% from two years ago.”

Speier called for Congress to force the Pentagon to take more aggressive steps to curb sexual assault among troops.

Pentagon officials credit the total \$192 million investment over time for an increase in troops reporting such crimes and seeking help.

Spending increased from \$4.9

million in 2008 to \$23.2 million in 2018 for the Pentagon’s Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. Each of the armed services also funds programs to prevent, respond to and prosecute sexual assault cases.

Earlier this year, a report found that sexual assault at the military service academies rose nearly 50% last year. Spending for the Pentagon’s sexual assault office spiked at \$25 million in 2016.

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BENJAMIN COOPER/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

U.S. Army Special Forces members assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) perform an airborne operation out of a U.S. Air Force MC-130J Commando II assigned to the 352nd Special Operations Wing near Mont Saint-Michel abbey in France, on Saturday.

Special Forces soldiers honor WWII fighters

Stars and Stripes

About 135 Special Forces soldiers jumped from three Air Force aircraft above the ancient Mont Saint-Michel abbey in Normandy as part of the commemoration for the upcoming 75th anniversary of D-Day.

The 352nd Special Operations Wing and the 86th Airlift Wing delivered the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) soldiers on Saturday to the drop zone, which was a little over a mile from Mont Saint-Michel.

The event was sponsored by the nearby town of Avranches, which was liberated by U.S. forces in 1944. The soldiers greeted the crowds and then headed to Avranches for a wreath-laying at the Gen. George S. Patton Jr. Memorial and a ceremonial toast with the town mayor.

The event Saturday recalled the original "Jedburgh" three-man teams that jumped behind enemy lines to train, arm and direct local resistance fighters. The teams included about 300 total Allied troops from the U.S., Britain, Free France, Belgium, Canada, the Netherlands and South Africa.

The 10th Special Forces Group draws their lineage from the Jedburghs, a senior enlisted soldier assigned to the group said, according to an Army statement.

"We're celebrating their combined effort to liberate Western Europe with local forces," the soldier said. "The airborne operation celebrates the long relationship between America and France and 10th SFG's commitment to continuing the tradition of training and working with our allies in Europe."

'We're celebrating their combined effort to liberate Western Europe with local forces.'

senior enlisted soldier
not identified in an
Army statement

The 10th Special Forces Group was established in 1952 and immediately afterward deployed to Europe during the Cold War, the statement said.

Mont Saint-Michel is a fortified abbey that, due to the tides, periodically turns into an island. It has been the home to monks since the 8th century.

The 75th anniversary of D-Day on June 6 is expected to draw large crowds to Normandy and will include several events commemorating the invasion that led to the defeat of Germany and the end of World War II.

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ALEXIS K. WASHBURN/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Soldiers land among sheep near the abbey.

In first, US brigadier general to command French armored division

Stars and Stripes

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Todd R. Wasmund has been assigned to command France's Marseilles-based 3rd Armored Division as part of the first reciprocal exchange of general officers between the two countries' armies.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley announced the assignment following the approval of the exchange last month. Wasmund, current deputy commanding general for support with the Fort Riley, Kan.-based 1st Infantry Division, will begin his assignment in early 2020, a statement said.



Wasmund

announced earlier this month. As part of the Army's Military Personnel Exchange Program, the swap is designed

His counterpart, Brig. Gen. Hubert Cottereau, of France's land forces, recently visited Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., where he will begin an assignment this summer as deputy commanding general for readiness with the 3rd Infantry Division, the Army

to strengthen "bonds of friendship, understanding and interoperability" between the two countries and their militaries, the Army said. Typical assignments last between two and three years.

Originally from Centerville, Ohio, Wasmund is a 1991 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and a field artillery officer who has served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Last summer, he deployed as deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Europe's Mission Command Element in Poznan, Poland, overseeing rotational forces under Atlantic Resolve, the ongoing U.S. mission to reassure allies in Europe by positioning troops and equipment at NATO's eastern

borders. He has since returned to Fort Riley.

His upcoming rotation with the French army will be only the second general officer exchange for the Army, following the September 2015 establishment of a similar one with the United Kingdom, the Army statement said.

France is one of America's oldest allies, and the militaries of the two countries have long worked closely together, including in recent years battling terrorist groups and insurgents in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and parts of northern Africa.

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MILITARY

Shrouded in secrecy

75 years after '2nd Pearl Harbor,' Hawaii's West Loch disaster still remains mysterious

By WYATT OLSON
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AT age 20, Pfc. Noel Mercer fought with the first wave of Marines to hit the beaches of Tarawa in the Pacific Ocean in November 1943. The flamethrower operator survived the bloody three-day battle, which killed more than 900 men with the 2nd Marine Division, and left another 2,200 wounded.

Mercer was shipped back to Hawaii to train for the fights yet to come in the Pacific theater, but in a letter to his father, he lamented that "if all these battles are like the one I just saw, I'm not sure how I can survive this war."

Mercer never saw battle again, but he lost his life months later in a disaster that was shrouded in secrecy for years to come.

Seventy-five years ago, on May 21, 1944, a massive chain of explosions aboard ships berthed at West Loch in Pearl Harbor left hundreds of servicemen and civilian workers dead or injured. The disaster has been dubbed by some as the "second Pearl Harbor," harking back to the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor that turned Battleship Row into a melee of fire, smoke and death.

On Tuesday, the Surface Navy Association, Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam are commemorating the lives lost during a shipboard ceremony on the waters of West Loch. One survivor and family members of survivors are slated to attend.

Mercer stands guard

In the hours before the explosions, Mercer had been standing guard aboard Landing Ship Tank, or LST, 179 berthed in West Loch as it was being loaded with ammunition, fuel and supplies. LST vessels were used to support amphibious operations by transporting tanks, cargo and troops to shores having no docks.

Twenty-nine LSTs were docked closely along six berths, with the bows of six to seven ships moored nose to nose in a star shape called "nesting," according to a Navy account of the disaster.

The close formation of the ships proved fatal. With crews of roughly 120 men, an LST carried about 90 drums of high-octane fuel in the forward hold, 6,000 cubic feet of ammunition stored on deck and the magazines for many other weapons stored throughout.

An initial blast is believed to have come from the bow of LST 963, where soldiers had been unloading mortar ammunition at about 3 p.m., but investigators were never able to pinpoint the origin because no witnesses survived the first blast.

Flaming shrapnel landed on the other LSTs, igniting gasoline drums, setting off a chain reaction of explosions that killed about 163 men, wounded another 396, sank six LSTs and damaged several more. The number of people killed is disputed to this day.

After the disaster, Mercer's parents received a telegram that their son was missing in the South Pacific, said Dave Mercer, the Marine's nephew. They were later notified that he was missing and presumed dead, Mercer said. But shortly after the end of World War II, a few of Mercer's friends from LST 179 visited his parents and talk-

ed of what they knew of his last day.

After standing guard as the ship was loaded that Sunday, Mercer was relieved of duty and went below deck to clean up with the intention of joining his friends during his time off.

"Shortly after he left them, the first explosion occurred on LST 353, which was rafted to their ship," Dave Mercer said.

'[I]f all these battles are like the one I just saw, I'm not sure how I can survive this war.'

Pfc. Noel Mercer
in a letter to his father a few months before West Loch

Today, the rusty hulk of LST 480 still pokes through the surface of Pearl Harbor.

Bodies that were too badly burned to be identified were buried in 36 gravesites in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, also called the Punchbowl cemetery, in Honolulu. The headstones originally carried only the simple inscription "Unknown," but in recent years, the wording was changed to "Unknown, West Loch Disaster, May 21, 1944."

'His loss had a huge impact'

Noel Mercer's body was never identified after the disaster, and Dave Mercer believes he might be lying beneath one of those unknown gravesites. His hope is that the remains will someday be exhumed and examined by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. He has already submitted a sample of his DNA for that day, should it ever come.

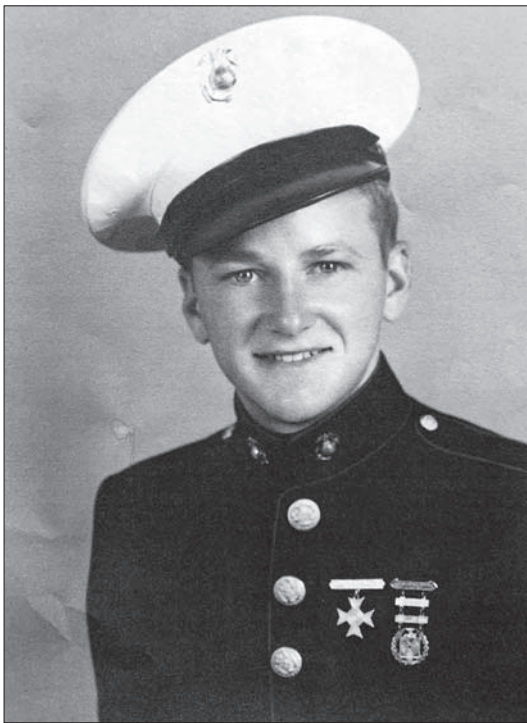
"His loss had a huge impact on our family," the nephew said. "My grandmother never truly recovered from the loss of her youngest son. My grandfather, who was a caisson driver in World War I, didn't talk much about Noel. He did let me shoot Noel's prized Remington Model 11 shotgun and use his fly rod to play in the backyard."

"My father, Noel's older brother, had enlisted in the Marines immediately following Pearl Harbor. Noel finished high school but was eager to follow his big brother's path. My dad lived a very happy and productive life, but he was troubled by the loss."

After retiring, Dave Mercer said, his father and mother went to Hawaii on vacation, and toward the end of the stay made their way to the Punchbowl cemetery. They walked through the rows of marble slabs called the Courts of the Missing, where the names are inscribed of every servicemember not recovered in Pacific wars since WWII.

He found his brother's name, Noel Mercer, then turned to his wife and said, "I want to go home now."

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Courtesy Dave Mercer

Marine Corps Pfc. Noel Mercer enlisted in February 1943 and fought in the bloody invasion of Tarawa, in the Pacific Ocean. He lost his life during a massive chain of explosions in Pearl Harbor's West Loch on May 21, 1944. His remains have never been recovered.



Courtesy of the National Park Service

A U.S. Coast Guard photographer captures the aftermath of the catastrophic explosion at West Loch.

MILITARY

Report: Uranium production in Iran was quadrupled

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has quadrupled its production of low-enriched uranium amid tensions with the U.S. over Tehran's unraveling nuclear accord, two semi-official news agencies reported Monday, an announcement just after President Donald Trump warned Iran it would face its "official end" if it threatened America again.

While the reports said the production is of uranium enriched only to the 3.67% limit set by the 2015 nuclear deal that Tehran reached with world powers, it means that Iran soon will go beyond the stockpile limitations established by the accord.

This follows days of heightened tensions sparked by the Trump administration's deployment of bombers and an aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf over

still-unspecified threats from Iran. While Trump's dueling approach of flattery and threats has become a hallmark of his foreign policy, the risks have only grown in dealing with Iran, where mistrust between Tehran and Washington stretch back four decades.

So far this month, officials in the United Arab Emirates alleged that four oil tankers sustained damage in a sabotage attack; Yemeni rebels allied with Iran launched a drone attack on an oil pipeline in Saudi Arabia; and U.S. diplomats relayed a warning that commercial airlines could be misidentified by Iran and attacked, something dismissed by Tehran.

All these tensions are the culmination of Trump's decision a year ago to pull the U.S. out of Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers. While both Washington and Tehran say they don't seek war, many worry any miscalculation at this fraught moment could



AMBER SMALLEY, COURTESY OF THE U.S. NAVY (AP)

An MV-22 Osprey prepares to land on the USS Abraham Lincoln's flight deck. News agencies reported that Iran has quadrupled its production of uranium amid tensions with the U.S. after the aircraft carrier was deployed to the Persian Gulf.

spiral out of control.

Both the semi-official Fars and Tasnim news agencies reported on the quadrupled production quoting Behrouz Kamalvandi, the spokesman of Iran's nuclear agency. He said the increase in production of 3.67% enriched uranium does not mean Iran increased the number of centrifuges it has in use, another requirement of the deal.

He said Iran "in weeks" would reach the 300-kilogram limit set

by the nuclear deal.

Kamalvandi said Iran had informed the International Atomic Energy Agency about its move. The IAEA did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday.

Trump's tweet early Monday came just hours after a Katyusha rocket fell in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone near the statue of the Unknown Soldier, less than a mile from the U.S. Embassy, causing no injuries.

"If Iran wants to fight, that will be the official end of Iran," Trump tweeted. "Never threaten the United States again!"

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif responded by tweeting that Trump had been "goaded" into "genocidal taunts." Zarif referenced both Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan as two historical leaders that Persia outlasted.

Group: With US forces pulling back, ISIS-West Africa continues to rise

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assistance from other components of the self-described Islamic State," Rebo said.

AFRICOM's latest threat assessment echoes the findings in a new report by the International Crisis Group, which said ISIS-West Africa has succeeded in distinguishing itself from other militant groups and the Nigerian government itself when it comes to gaining the trust of local populations.

It digs wells, polices cattle rustling, provides a modicum of health care and sometimes disciplines its own personnel whom it judges to have unacceptably abused civilians," said the ICG report released last week.

The militants also impose taxes, which are generally accepted by communities

under the group's control, the report found. The focus on providing services has given a boost to recruitment and popular support that has resulted in a "jihadist proto-state," it said.

ISIS-West Africa is estimated to have between 3,500-5,000 fighters. Since last August, they have overrun dozens of Nigerian army bases and killed hundreds of soldiers.

AFRICOM, in its 2019 posture statement, acknowledged that Nigeria has faced "multiple setbacks" as it battles ISIS-West Africa, which "has seized military bases and material, including armored vehicles, weapons, and ammunition."

With the Nigerian military under increased pressure, members of a multinational task force composed of regional

militaries need "to increase their commitments, resources, troop deployments," to counter the extremist group's momentum, AFRICOM said.

For its part, the command says it continues to provide training to regional militaries involved in the fight against militants. The U.S. military also plans to open a new drone base in neighboring Niger later this summer, from where it will be positioned to conduct more intelligence gathering missions.

Still, ISIS-West Africa's continued rise comes as the U.S. has reduced the number of special operations troops in the region, where four U.S. soldiers were killed during an ambush in Niger in 2017. The U.S. has cut about 300 counterterrorism troops, mainly in western Africa, in connection

with a strategy shift that calls for more focus on great-power competition, AFRICOM's Gen. Thomas Waldhauser said last month.

However, some analysts say the effort to counter the militant group's expansion will require more than just military power. Governments in the Lake Chad area need to find a way to deal with food and water shortages and access to health care if they are to compete with Islamic State's local appeal, the ICG report said.

"The deeper it (ISIS-West Africa) sinks its roots into the neglected communities of northeastern Nigeria, the more difficult it may be to dislodge," the report said.

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Iraqi Shiite figures warn against pulling country into war

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BAGHDAD — Leading Iraqi Shiite figures warned Monday against attempts to pull their country into a war between the U.S. and Iran, saying it would turn Iraq into a battlefield yet again, just as it is on the path to recovery.

The warning came hours after a rocket slammed into Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, landing less than a mile from the sprawling U.S. Embassy. No inju-

ries were reported and no group immediately claimed the Sunday night attack.

Shortly after, President Donald Trump tweeted a warning to Iran not to threaten the United States or it will face its "official end."

Last week, the U.S. ordered the evacuation of nonessential diplomatic staff from Iraq amid unspecified threats from Iran and rising tensions across the region. The White House has also sent warships and bombers to the Persian Gulf to counter the alleged Iranian threats.

Iraqi military spokesman Brig. Gen. Yahya Rasoul tweeted Monday that the army command in Baghdad is working "day and night" to guarantee the security of citizens, foreign missions and international and local companies.

On Monday, two influential Shiite clerics and a leading politician — all with close ties to Iran — warned that Iraq could once again get caught in the middle. The country hosts more than 5,000 U.S. troops and is home to powerful, Iranian-backed militias, some of whom want those

U.S. forces to leave.

Populist Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr said any political party that would drag Iraq in a U.S.-Iran war "would be the enemy of the Iraqi people."

"This war would mark the end of Iraq," the black-turbaned al-Sadr warned. "We need peace and reconstruction."

The influential cleric's statements were echoed by the Shiite militias, which appeared to distance themselves from Sunday's attack.

Qais al-Khazali, the leader the

Iranian-backed Asaib Ahl al-Haq, or League of the Righteous group, tweeted that he is opposed to operations that "give pretexts for war" and added that they would only "harm Iraq's political, economic and security conditions."

The office of Hadi al-Amiri, the leader of a coalition of Shiite paramilitary forces backed by both Baghdad and Tehran, released a statement calling on Iraqis to work together "to keep Iraq and the region away from war."

"If war breaks out... it will burn everyone," al-Amiri warned.

MILITARY

Jets: 'I can stand around all day here, getting old'

FROM FRONT PAGE

For first-timers, it may seem like an odd place to pull over. The desolate landscape offers little beyond the craggy hills, rocks and tufts of brittle flora that look as though a month of rain could never revive them. But the canyon is part of a restricted military airspace called the R-2508 Complex, used for air-combat training, supersonic flight tests and other military operations, and it's been a magnet for plane spotters for several years.

There's only one requirement for membership in the fellowship: "You have to be bananas for aviation," said Koningsveld.

Plane spotters who were interviewed over the course of two days in March spoke about the power and the speed of jets that zoom through the area at speeds up to 500 mph. That brief moment in time when feats of engineering obliterate any prior notions about aircraft — and gravity. When a fighter jet transcends its role and becomes a testament to mankind's technological achievements.

Wearing an orange hat with a back flap, Candace "Candy" Campbell, of Pacific Grove, Calif., tried to catch her breath as she explained the thrill she gets from watching.

"It's pure, raw excitement," she said. "It's power. ... Those pilots are skilled and they've got courage."

Some of the pilots dive right at the start of the gorge, afterburners blazing. Others change course in the middle of the canyon, flying at eye level with spectators before dropping down. Some pilots fly straight through like a bullet.

"Sometimes they'll come down and turn so you can see their face and you can take their picture," said Campbell, 68. "We've seen one enter, swing and go right over us." Some of the images on social media look as though the pilots are truly aware of their audience as they flash a thumbs-up or rock 'n' roll sign.

Campbell and her husband had set up camp at a vista point called Father Crowley Overlook, named after a Catholic priest (Father John C. Crowley) who served the desert area during the 1920s and '30s. There are at least two other viewing points nearby, but Crowley is the hot plane-spotting spot.

For Campbell, each pass is different from the next. In addition to fighter jets, she's observed helicopters flying in the same space, and once she watched a C-17, a fat military cargo plane with four engines, drop into the canyon like a Slinky and then — as one spectator described it — "saunter" above the desert floor.

'It's like ballet'

"It just moves side to side so gracefully," she said. "It's like ballet. It's gorgeous."

The Air Force and Navy have used "Star Wars Canyon" as a training area since World War II, long before it became part of the national park in 1994, according to Patrick Taylor, of the U.S. National Park Service.

Most of the aircraft that pass through come from nearby bases such as Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, Naval Air Station Lemoore, Edwards Air Force Base, Fresno Air National Guard Base and Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. Foreign allied forces are also known to make flybys.



PHOTOS BY IRFAN KHAN, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

With the slightest hum of a fighter jet, photographers jump from their seats on a hilltop to capture jets zipping through Rainbow Canyon, where the U.S. Air Force and Navy pilots train.



Richard and Candace Campbell, of Pacific Grove, Calif., have been making the eight-hour trek in their 2001 Dodge 2500 cargo van that was converted to a camper to Rainbow Canyon to watch fighter jets blast through the gorge yearly for four years.



Three Los Angeles photographers sit at the Father Crowley lookout point, waiting for military jets to buzz through canyon below them.

Over the years, Taylor said, the number of plane spotters has increased, in part because of social media. In 2010, the National Park Service installed a parking lot, a railing along the edge of the canyon and a bathroom at Crowley Overlook to accommodate the growing number of visitors.

Larry Grace, a former Air Force veteran and president of the International Society for Aviation Photography, said the Mach

Loop in the United Kingdom and "Star Wars Canyon" in Death Valley National Park are two of the most publicized plane-spotting areas in the world.

"As pictures got out," he said, "people asked about where they were taken, and that's how those areas got popular."

Ten years ago, Koningsveld drove to the canyon and waited for half an hour, hoping to see a plane.

The gravelly voiced Dutchman, who became obsessed with aircraft as a child, was not successful in his quest. But he and his wife, Jose, were already frequent visitors to the United States, attending annual air shows in Nevada and California, when four years ago, Koningsveld, 61, decided to give "Star Wars Canyon" another try.

This time, he spotted a fighter jet, and since then, he and his wife have made annual trips to the desert.

"Now, I'm a little more patient. I can stand around all day here, getting old," he said, chuckling.

Success at "Star Wars Canyon" is frequently about luck. Some days the only things in flight are crows (or as some of the more frequent regulars have come to dub them: "B1-RD"). And then there are those holy mackerel days when dozens of military aircraft make an appearance.

Experienced plane spotters (many of whom are professional photographers) come prepared. They bring meals. They unload their gear, unfold their chairs, apply sunscreen — and they keep their eyes to the sky.

"If you're talking to someone or looking somewhere else, you could miss it," Koningsveld said.

Koningsveld and his family lived in the town of Zeist, not far from a Royal Netherlands Air Force base in the center of the country. He was a toddler when his father took him to his first air show and introduced him to the world of aviation. Eventually, Koningsveld channeled his interest in military aircraft into a freelance photography career.

A favorite plane

By the early 1990s, he was flying with — and shooting photos for — flight demonstration squadrons such as the United Kingdom's Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, known as the Red Arrows, and a Royal Canadian Air Force display flight squadron, called the Snowbirds.

As he waited at the overlook for the next jet to fly through, Koningsveld said he was hoping to spot his favorite plane, an F-15 Strike Eagle — and he did, the following day. "It looks good and it's enormously powerful," Koningsveld said.

His wife was sporting a denim shirt with the picture of an F-15, a suggestion, perhaps, of a shared enthusiasm.

"She's married to me, so it's by default," Koningsveld said, laughing. Jose smiled and remained as silent as the desert.

The origins of the canyon's nickname are up for debate. Some aviation enthusiasts talk about desert scenes in the "Star Wars" movie franchise that were filmed in Death Valley. The exposed rocks on the canyon walls remind them of Tatooine, the home planet of Anakin and Luke Skywalker.

Others suggest that the pilots who fly into the canyon feel as if they're dropping into the trench of the Empire's Death Star, avoiding fire from laser canons — just like Luke in "A New Hope."

But the nickname was not a hot topic among the plane spotters — the European aviation photographers, military brats, veterans and the Campbells — stationed along the canyon rim on a breezy March day. Their focus was elsewhere.

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'It's pure, raw excitement. It's power. ... Those pilots are skilled and they've got courage.'

Candace "Candy" Campbell

avid plane spotter at Death Valley National Park, Calif.

MILITARY



PHOTOS BY IRFAN KHAN, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

An F-16 fighter jet from Edwards Air Force Base in Kern County, Calif., roars through the Rainbow Canyon in Death Valley, Calif.

Jets: You wait and you watch and you hope you catch something good



Above: Photographers aim their cameras and onlookers wave at a fast-approaching F-16 fighter jet from a hilltop at the mouth of the canyon. Below: Richard Campbell, of Pacific Cove, Calif., looks for military aircraft, his eyes scanning the sky and ears focused on flight chatter coming from two scanners hanging from the camper door.



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Hours passed. People napped. A woman worked on her tan. Some of the visitors made small talk, stopping midsentence whenever they heard the crackling of a radio scanner. A few of them would jump up with their cameras the second they heard a rumble.

Several veterans suggested the experience at "Star Wars Canyon" is analogous to fishing: You wait and you watch and you hope you catch something good.

Some have seen an F-15 Strike Eagle, an A-10 Thunderbolt II (nicknamed the "Warthog"), an F-16 Fighting Falcon — or transport planes like the C-17 or the C-130. Occasionally, someone is lucky enough to observe a rare aircraft such as the F-117 Nighthawk, a stealth attack aircraft that was retired in 2008.

The crowd included a few tourists visiting Death Valley National Park, compelled to pull over at the overlook after spotting the lines of tripods and cameras. What's everyone waiting for? they asked. Sometimes, a fighter jet would appear on the horizon with the answer.

These random encounters can lead to a new hobby, and, in the case of a few, an addiction.

Indeed, that's how it happened for Campbell, a former landscape photographer, and her husband, Richard, 71.

The couple had long been drawn to Death Valley and the desert landscape. They started to visit the park with their children in the 1970s but were only vaguely aware that military jets flew in the area. About four years ago, they pulled into the parking lot of Father Crowley Outlook — by chance.

The Campbells were sipping tea inside the 2001 Dodge Caravan that they had converted into a camper when they saw

a fighter jet burn and turn through the canyon.

Richard and Candy were at eye level with the pilots — and it was love at first sight.

Now they make the eight-hour trek from California's Central Coast to the canyon every year, devoting a week to plane spotting. Like the other veterans, they hope they'll get "buzzed," a term used to describe what happens when a fighter jet flies low with its afterburners on.

In an email she sent to her children last year, Campbell described such a moment — this one involving an F/A-18 Super Hornet.

"He roars over my head," she wrote. "And when I say over my head, I am saying he was low. The sky was covered with the jet's body. (It was) so close it seemed as if I could have stretched up and touched it."

The Campbells sat on folding chairs at the overlook; a journal they use to log their sightings sat on a small gray table placed between them. Nearby, radio scanners broke the silence, as pilots communicated with their towers. The Campbells were hoping to hear words like "Jedi," "Sidewinder" and "Charlie" — anything that would give them an advance warning that a jet was requesting permission to fly through the canyon.

Over the years, the regulars have learned to depend on Campbell, who has become something of a human scanner. She seems to spot jets long before anyone else does.

Mike Price, 66, and his wife, Shelley, 61, of Portland, Ore., were visiting Death Valley when they decided to stop at the overlook. It was about 2 p.m. and Campbell alerted everyone to get ready. A jet zoomed by and, all too soon, the moment was over. Price, who couldn't get a photo because he pressed the wrong button while trying to turn his camera on, voiced a familiar complaint: "It happened too fast."

NATION



Jim Young/AP

New Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, right, is joined on stage by her spouse, Amy Eschleman, left, and her daughter, Vivian, during her inauguration ceremony Monday.

Lightfoot seeks safer Chicago

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot addressed the city's violence problems in her inaugural speech, announcing the creation of a Mayor's Office of Public Safety as part of her strategy.

Lightfoot said Monday morning after she took the oath of office that she has "no higher calling" than restoring safety and peace in Chicago's neighborhoods. She punctuated this by saying "Enough of the shooting. Enough of the guns. Enough of the violence."

Lightfoot said public safety "must not be

a commodity that is only available to the wealthy." She said her plan includes mobilizing the entire city to fight violence.

Chicago police reported 561 homicides last year. That's 100 fewer than in 2017 but more than the number of homicides in New York and Los Angeles combined.

Lightfoot was inaugurated Monday morning at Wintrust Arena with her wife and daughter at her side. Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Sens. Tammy Duckworth and Dick Durbin, former Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel were among the attendees.

Google cuts off Huawei after Trump crackdown

By HAMZA SHABAN

The Washington Post

Google is restricting future business with Huawei, cutting off access to its Android operating system and its popular apps, after the Trump administration escalated a crackdown on the Chinese tech firm.

Google's suspension, first reported by Reuters, amounts to a major blow to the world's largest telecommunications equipment maker, which will no longer receive access and support for Google's proprietary apps like Gmail, YouTube and Chrome.

The open source version of Android will still be available to Huawei, according to the report, but the Chinese tech giant will immediately lose access to updates to the operating system. And though existing Huawei users can still download popular Google apps through the Google Play store, they won't be available on future Huawei handsets.

People who already own Huawei phones will not see a sudden disappearance of their services.

"We are complying with the order and reviewing the implications," Google said in a statement Monday. "For users of our services, Google Play and the security protections from Google Play Protect will continue to function on existing Huawei devices."

Google's suspension is the latest blow against Huawei. Last week, the U.S. government added Huawei to its "Entity List," forcing the company to obtain a U.S. government license to buy American technol-

ogy. Known to some as the "death penalty," the designation makes it virtually impossible for firms to survive once U.S. businesses cut off their dealings.

The penalty was seen as a dramatic escalation of the economic clash between the Trump administration and China.

The Commerce Department said it had initiated the crackdown because Huawei "is engaged in activities that are contrary to U.S. national security or foreign policy interest." The Department of Justice has also accused it of violating Iran sanctions.

The listing will have an immediate effect on the telecommunications company, which has significant backing from the Chinese government. Huawei said last week that it spends more than \$1 out of every \$7 of its annual \$70 billion procurement budget buying equipment from U.S. companies. The ban could also hinder Huawei's ability to produce its latest equipment since the company relies on U.S. suppliers for components including wireless chips, antennas and handset operating software.

In a statement Monday, Huawei said it has made "substantial contributions" to Android's global ecosystem; 2.5 billion devices around the world run on Android. The company said it will continue to provide security updates and after-sales services to owners of its smartphones and tablets.

According to data released before the U.S. government listing, Huawei claimed 19 percent of the global smartphone market, the research firm IDC said, behind only Samsung's 23.1 percent, which was on the decline.

On Fox, Buttigieg calls out network's pundits

The Washington Post

In a televised Fox News Channel town hall event Sunday, Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg defended his decision to appear on the network, days after a competitor, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., spurned Fox as a "hate-for-profit racket."

During an hourlong conversation with moderator Chris Wallace, Buttigieg tried to distinguish between Fox News' reporters and its opinion hosts. The latter, he said, were "not always there in good faith."

Specifically, he called out Tucker Carlson, for saying immigrants made the United States "dirtier," as well as Laura Ingraham, who once compared detention centers for migrant children to summer camps.

"There is a reason why anybody has to swallow hard and think twice before participating in this media ecosystem," Buttigieg said.

Still, the mayor of South Bend, Ind., said he thinks that many people who tune into the network are doing so in good faith and that he wants to be willing to meet voters wherever they are.

"There are a lot of Americans who my party can't blame if they are ignoring our message, because they will never hear it if we don't go on (Fox) and talk about it," Buttigieg said Sunday.

Buttigieg also took several opportunities to criticize President Donald Trump, who earlier in the evening had tweeted his displeasure that his preferred news network was "wasting airtime on Mayor Pete."

When Wallace asked whether Trump should be impeached, Buttigieg said there was no question that Trump's behavior was "beyond the pale, morally," but he said it would be up to Congress to decide whether the president should be removed from office.

When Wallace asked how Buttigieg would handle Trump's insults, attacks and tweets, the candidate started to respond before inhaling and trailing off.

"The tweets are ... I don't care," he said to audience cheers. Buttigieg, a military veteran, also accused the Trump administration — in particular, national security adviser John Bolton — of "saber-rattling" at Venezuela and Iran at the risk of leading the United States into war.

In the wake of several states passing far-reaching anti-abortion laws last week, Buttigieg also pushed back on Wallace's questions about whether women should be allowed to terminate their pregnancies in the third trimester. He tried to avoid answering at first, saying he didn't want to get into "hypotheticals" that were a setup.

When Wallace pointed out that his question wasn't hypothetical, saying 6,000 women have third-trimester abortions each year, Buttigieg noted that that represented less than 1% of all women who have

abortions, before responding specifically.

"We're talking about women who have perhaps chosen a name, women who have purchased a crib," he said.

Those women, he continued, probably had been expecting to carry their babies to term but had received medical news that forced them "to make an impossible, unthinkable choice."

"The bottom line is, as horrible as that choice is — that woman, that family may seek spiritual guidance, they may seek medical guidance — but that decision is not going to be made any better, medically or morally, because the government is dictating how that decision is going to be made."

Buttigieg's campaign had held firm to its commitment to hold a town hall event on Fox News, which was scheduled before Warren publicly announced her decision to decline one. Other Democratic candidates have had mixed reactions to the network, which the Democratic National Committee has banned from taking part in primary debates.

Fox News has held town hall events for Sens. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., as well as entrepreneur Andrew Yang. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., is scheduled to hold a town hall event on the network next month.

On Sunday, the crowd at Stevens High School in Claremont, N.H., gave Buttigieg a rousing send-off at the end of his event that seemed to surprise Wallace.

"Wow, a standing ovation," the host said as they signed off.

Trump denies US plans to fly migrants to Fla.

Associated Press

MIAMI — President Donald Trump on Sunday denied reports that hundreds of migrants would be flown from the Mexican border to Florida and other areas in the U.S. interior to lessen the workload at crowded Border Patrol facilities.

Acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan, also on Sunday, acknowledged that federal officials had initially alert local leaders of the possibility that migrants would be flown to two South Florida counties. But Trump appeared to blame the media for "false reporting."

"There are no plans to send migrants to northern or Coastal Border facilities, including Florida," Trump wrote on Twitter. "...Our country is FULL, will not, and cannot, take you in."

The office of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis also said Sunday that Trump told him he didn't approve and wouldn't authorize to fly the immigrants. The governor's spokeswoman, Helen Ferre, said DeSantis and Trump spoke Saturday after local officials reacted with alarm to a U.S. Border Patrol notification that 1,000 migrants could be sent weekly to Palm Beach and Broward counties, starting in about two weeks.

After the plan was attacked by local leaders, federal officials initially said the flights were only being considered.

NATION

Syringes litter fields at NM Little League park

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A New Mexico Little League park is fighting a battle against discarded syringes with attached hypodermic needles amid the region's ongoing opioid epidemic.

Atrisco Park, home of the Atrisco Valley Little League, in Albuquerque is racing to clean up syringes littering fields and the grounds to protect the children who play on them, the Albuquerque Journal reports.

Atrisco Valley Little League president Hector Aguilar said earlier this month an 11-year-old girl was practicing base sliding when a hypodermic needle pierced her foot. He said the girl was taken to a hospital and tested and "will have to undergo further testing in three months to see if she was infected with anything."

He and other coaches and volunteers walk the six baseball fields before practices or games, and often find 20 to 30 syringes a day, Aguilar said.

"The needle problem affects all the fields. We even find them in the dugout, where kids sit, and under the bleachers, where the parents and spectators sit. There is one field at the west end, the very back of the park, that we can no longer use because it's just saturated with needles," Aguilar said. "It is completely out of commission for us."

While the state has enacted a series of measures in recent years to combat the scourge, its drug overdose rate of 24.8 per 100,000 still remains above the national average.

Federal data put the state's number of deaths at 493 in 2017. The figures show more than 70,000 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States that year.

Still, the opioid epidemic hitting a New Mexico Little League park is angering some parents.

"It was very sad, disgusting and, above all, disappointing," said Marlena Gurule, whose two

sons play on baseball teams at the park. "As a mother, safety is my biggest concern, of course. But another consideration is that the Little League operates off of concession sales. It's what allows us to purchase equipment. If Atrisco Valley Little League has to shut some of its fields, it financially impacts the league as a whole, and that impacts the children in the league."

Atrisco Park is owned and maintained by Bernalillo County. During an average season, about 20 games are played on each field and more than 350 kids rely on those baseball diamonds, Aguilar said.

In March, Aguilar said, he notified County Commissioner Steven Michael Quezada, who represents the area where the park is, as well as officials at the Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Department, about the growing needle crisis at the park.



JIM THOMPSON, THE ALBUQUERQUE (N.M.) JOURNAL/AP

Atrisco Valley Little League president Hector Aguilar removes a hypodermic needle from one of the baseball fields at Atrisco Park in Albuquerque, N.M. Aguilar said he and other volunteers often find 20 to 30 syringes a day.



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NATION

New sanctuary opened after Texas shooting

By CLARICE SILBER
Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas — A South Texas church began a fresh chapter of worship Sunday as it unveiled a new sanctuary a year and a half after a gunman opened fire and killed more than two dozen congregants in the deadliest mass shooting in state history.

Parishioners, elected leaders and relatives of those killed or injured at the First Baptist Church in the tiny town of Sutherland Springs gathered at the new sanctuary for its dedication. Some among the hundreds in attendance wore royal blue shirts with “#evildidnotwin” written across the back.

In the large, white sanctuary amid a stained glass panel, Pastor Frank Pomeroy told the crowd they were celebrating God’s glory while remembering “those who have paid a price for this incredible facility.”

The church commemorated the victims by reading their names as the church bell rang, and those connected to them stood up in the crowd. Pomeroy’s 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle Pomeroy, was among those killed.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott told the worshippers that despite the trying time since the attack, Sunday marked another giant step forward on a path to healing



Churchgoers pass a memorial wall following a dedication ceremony for a new sanctuary and memorial room at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, on Sunday.

and recovery.

“This is a tangible sign as people drive through Sutherland Springs in the future they will know that this is a place where goodness triumphed over evil,” Abbott said to loud applause from the crowd.

The new worship center and memorial room honoring the vic-

tims were made possible through millions of dollars in donations from around the world. The facility features enhanced security elements, along with a new church bell tower and an additional prayer space.

A gunman shot and killed 25 people at the church on Nov. 5, 2017. Authorities put the official

death toll at 26 because one of the victims was pregnant.

Places of worship have increasingly faced targeted attacks by extremists. A shooting at a California synagogue in April left one worshiper dead and injured three others, and a white supremacist killed 51 people at a New Zealand mosque in March.

Kevin Smith, the director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, said the agency is working with houses of worship nationwide to help them take proper steps to secure their facilities and prepare for potential threats.

Smith said the recent attacks have awakened many religious leaders around the country to take action and seek more guidance. He said houses of worship need to assess potential threats in their area, work with local law enforcement and empower their worshippers to be part of the planning process.

“We want to make sure during this heightened awareness, we’re going to take what was meant for harm and make it good by providing the tools that help and empowering the rest of the churches across the nation to be ready,” Smith said.

Pomeroy declined to comment on the church’s own enhanced security but said it now has a “safety response team” made up of volunteer worshippers that are undergoing extensive monthly and, at times, weekly training.

“We don’t want to look like a fortress, but also wanted to make sure that everybody could feel safe on the inside,” Pomeroy said.

States debate whether revenge porn is constitutional

By DEANNA PAUL
The Washington Post

Bethany Austin learned her fiancé had been unfaithful in late-May 2016.

After sharing a home with him for seven years, she found Matthew Rychlik was having an affair with a neighbor. The relationship was unsaveable according to court documents, they even argued over how to call off the wedding — Rychlik wanted to tell family and friends it was mutual, Austin wanted to tell them the truth, that Rychlik was cheating on her.

But the situation escalated, and Rychlik told the world in his own way, from his own point of view. According to court documents, he spread rumors about his “crazy” fiancée and announced he was “sleeping at another girl’s house” because Austin “never cooked or does house chores,” NPR reported.

Bethany Austin admits she sent friends and family a four-page letter that contained text messages between Rychlik and the neighbor, Elizabeth Dreher, including nude photos of Dreher. Austin had access to all of their conversations and photos because she shared an iCloud account with Rychlik, court documents show. Because of that, she received all of his conversations with the

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Andrew Koppelman
law professor at Northwestern University

neighbor on her own phone. Rychlik and Dreher acknowledged they knew this.

Austin was arrested and charged with a felony: “nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images,” otherwise known as revenge porn.

In a motion filed in March at the Supreme Court of Illinois, Austin challenged the revenge-porn law itself, calling it unconstitutional. Yes, she was a scorned woman. But according to court documents, Austin argued she was exercising “her freedom of speech.”

Appeals courts are beginning to take up cases involving the constitutionality of “revenge porn” statutes. Legislation criminalizing these actions has gained traction in most of America. Forty-five states, including Illinois, have revenge-porn laws in place. The U.S. Supreme Court has yet to hear a case on the issue of revenge porn.

The Constitution protects freedom of speech, even when it is “offensive or disagreeable.” But rules have exceptions; the First

Amendment does not protect certain speech, such as threats, obscenity, incitement of violence and public disclosure of private information.

If the government is imposing a restriction on a specific statement or image, it must satisfy the strictest, and often insurmountable, level of legal scrutiny. The restriction must serve a “compelling government interest” and must be as minimal as possible.

“Any time you restrict speech on the basis of what is said or shown, it’s presumptively unconstitutional,” said Andrew Koppelman, law professor at Northwestern University who authored a law-review article on the constitutionality of revenge-porn statutes. But the First Amendment allows the government to limit public disclosure of private, often intimate, information.

“Consider all the criminal laws that relate to sharing health care and financial information without consent,” said Carrie Goldberg, owner of victims’ rights law firm

C.A. Goldberg, PLLC. Revenge-porn criminal laws, she said, are privacy laws that passed because the government has a “compelling interest in protecting the privacy, safety, and health of its citizens.”

Emerging technology has created a new category of criminal cyber offenses: revenge porn (referred to as nonconsensual pornography) or sextortion. These offenses enable abusers to threaten, harass and coerce their victims.

And there are many variations in the law, depending on which state you are in, said Mary Anne Franks, president of the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative. Franks crafted a model statute that has served as a template for many of the 45 state laws that criminalize nonconsensual pornography.

Some laws have different words, others have varying penalties. According to Franks, the most significant difference is that some states limit revenge porn to situations in which the perpetrator acts with the intent to harm or harass his or her target, something she called a “very serious mistake” that “fundamentally misunderstands the nature of the abuse.”

Most importantly, harassment is already criminalized federally and in all 50 states. Revenge-porn laws aren’t necessary for it to be charged as such.

In 2015, Texas passed a law

requiring the images to have an identifiable victim, and the victim to have had a reasonable expectation the photo would remain private. The legislation was challenged and the case is still pending in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the state’s highest criminal court.

The Vermont Supreme Court ruled last year that sexually explicit images deserve as much privacy as other forms of sensitive information, such as medical records and financial data.

Illinois’ law is the strongest in the country and does not include the limitation to perpetrators who act with the intent to harass.

The Illinois Supreme Court heard arguments last week over whether the First Amendment protects “revenge porn.” A decision is expected in the upcoming month.

“There is nothing about revenge porn that renders it outside the kind of speech the state can criminalize,” Goldberg, who is also a member of the advisory board at the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative, wrote to The Washington Post. “The harms I’ve seen many of my hundreds of clients suffer — loss of employment, excommunication from religious communities, disowned by conservative families — are so major, it would be tragic to decriminalize revenge porn.”

NATION

Schumer calls for probe of Chinese rail car supplier

By MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate's top Democrat is calling on the federal government to step in and investigate whether a plan for new subway cars in New York City designed by a Chinese state-owned company could pose a threat to national security.

Sen. Charles Schumer of New York said in a statement to The Associated Press on Sunday that he's asked the Commerce Department to conduct a "top-to-bottom review" after CRRC, one of the world's largest train makers, won a design contest for new subway cars that would include "modern train control technology."

The company hasn't won a contract in New York City, which has America's biggest transit system, but it has been awarded contracts in recent years for new subway cars in Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia.

In announcing the contest winners last year, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which operates the subway system, said CRRC had proposed investing \$50 million of its own money to develop the new subway cars. The contest was designed to bring out new ideas for future projects but did not lead to any contracts for new subway cars and the MTA is not currently purchasing any new cars.

But in the last few years, China has pushed to dominate the U.S. rail car market, a multi-billion-dollar industry. CRRC is also believed to be pursuing a \$500 million contract with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority in Washington, D.C.

Security experts and members of Congress have raised the alarm about CRRC because it is owned by the Chinese government, warning of prior cyber threats and hacking attacks linked to Chi-

nese intelligence officials. They fear allowing the company to install technology in America's rail system could potentially expose it to cyberspying and sabotage.

Schumer's call for an investigation comes amid rising tensions between the U.S. and China after trade talks between the two nations broke up earlier this month without an agreement. Days ago, President Donald Trump signed an executive order to declare a national economic emergency that empowered the government to ban American telecommunications companies from installing foreign-made equipment and technology that could pose a threat to national security.

"The MTA has robust, multi-layered and vigorously enforced safety and security standards, but we support efforts of government agencies to bolster that work," spokesman Max Young said.

A spokesman for CRRC Sifang America — the company's arm in Chicago — said a majority of the components used in its new rail cars come from U.S. companies and said concerns about spying or malware are misplaced. The rail cars meet specific requirements set by the transit agencies, the manufacturer doesn't control the cyber components it installs and it is "not possible" for the company to implant malware in the system, he said.

"There is no evidence of a passenger railcar manufacturer, including CRRC, installing any type of new technology that could intentionally open passenger railcars to cyber threats or pose a threat to commuters and national security," spokesman Dave Smolensky said. "CRRC is eager to address any concerns Senator Schumer has and we welcome an inquiry regarding our U.S. operations."

Mother of Trayvon Martin announces Miami office run

Associated Press

MIAMI — A mother who turned to activism after the slaying of her black teen son, Trayvon Martin, has announced she is running for office in Miami.

The Miami Herald reports Sybrina Fulton will enter the race to join the 13-member board of Miami-Dade County commissioners.

Fulton said in a Saturday statement that she would continue working to end gun violence. She

will challenge Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver Gilbert for the seat that is up for grabs in 2020 because of term limits.

Trayvon's parents head a foundation and have been recognized for their work on gun reform and social justice.

Trayvon was unarmed when shot dead by neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, who was later acquitted on the grounds of self-defense. His death sparked the Black Lives Matter movement.



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Robert F. Smith, left, laughs with David Thomas, center, and actress Angela Bassett at Morehouse College on Sunday in Atlanta.

Speaker stuns 2019 Morehouse grads with student debt pay off

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK
Associated Press

A billionaire technology investor stunned the entire graduating class at Morehouse College when he announced at their commencement Sunday that he would pay off their student loans estimated at up to \$40 million.

Robert F. Smith, this year's commencement speaker, made the announcement while addressing nearly 400 graduating seniors of the all-male historically black college in Atlanta. Smith, who is black, is the Founder and CEO of Vista Equity Partners, a private equity firm that invests in software, data, and technology-driven companies.

"On behalf of the eight genera-

tions of my family that have been in this country, we're gonna put a little fuel in your bus," the investor and philanthropist told graduates in his morning address. "This is my class, 2019. And my family is making a grant to eliminate their student loans."

The announcement immediately drew stunned looks from faculty and students alike. Then the graduates broke into the biggest cheers of the morning and stood up, applauding. Morehouse officials said it is the single largest gift to the college.

Though college officials could not provide an estimate of the exact amount owed by the current graduating class, students graduate with an average debt of \$30,000 to \$40,000, said Terrance

L. Dixon, vice president of enrollment management.

Smith, who received an honorary doctorate from Morehouse during the ceremony, had already announced a \$1.5 million gift to the school.

Smith said he expected the recipients to "pay it forward" and said he hoped that "every class has the same opportunity going forward."

"Because we are enough to take care of our own community," Smith said. "We are enough to ensure that we have all the opportunities of the American dream. And we will show it to each other through our actions and through our words and through our deeds."

Brawl breaks out at convention for local government officials in Calif.

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — A conference of local government officials from across California erupted into violence over the weekend when several attendees began throwing punches, with at least one person apparently knocked unconscious, according to five witnesses to the incident.

A spokesman with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department confirmed that a brawl at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa had been reported to police around 12:30 a.m. Saturday. Seven people were involved in "an altercation and physical battery," said Deputy Mike Vasquez. Police tried to identify the people involved but "none of them

were cooperative," Vasquez said. One man was hospitalized for minor injuries, he said.

It was not immediately clear who started the fight, but it involved members of the Commerce City Council and other public officials, according to a written statement from Mayor John Soria and several witnesses who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the incident.

Some witnesses said the melee involved more than seven people — including some who were trying to break up the combatants — and included political consultants, government vendors and elected officials from the Los Angeles area.

In an interview with the Los

Angeles Times, Councilman Leonard Mendoza said he recalled having a heated exchange with a council colleague, Ivan Altamirano, who he said interrupted a conversation he was having.

"I asked him if he could step away, and he wouldn't step back," Mendoza said. "I guess he didn't like that and it got heated and it got loud."

Shortly after the exchange, Mendoza said, he felt a blow from behind and woke up in a hospital. In the room were his wife and a law enforcement officer.

Mendoza suffered a large cut to the back of his skull and cuts to his face.

Altamirano could not be reached for comment.

WORLD

Ukraine's new president takes oath

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA
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Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukrainian TV star Volodymyr Zelenskyy has sought to capitalize on his huge popularity, dissolving the country's parliament Monday minutes after he was sworn in as president.

Zelenskyy, who won 73% of the vote last month in his landslide victory, slammed parliament as a hot-bed of self-enrichment and promised to stop the war in the east against Russian-backed separatists.

The president's bold move to dissolve the Supreme Rada followed the failure of a majority of lawmakers to use parliamentary rules to hamper Zelenskyy's plans.

Zelenskyy's victory reflected Ukrainians' exhaustion with widespread corruption and the country's political elite. Even before he disbanded parliament, which had been one of his campaign promises, the 41-year-old Zelenskyy upended other Ukrainian political traditions on inauguration day.

He ditched the idea of a tradi-



EFREM LUKATSKY/AP

Ukrainian President-elect Volodymyr Zelenskyy swears on the Bible as he takes the oath of office during his inauguration ceremony in Kiev, Ukraine on Monday.

tional motorcade to his inauguration, walking to the parliament Kiev through a park packed with people. Flanked by four bodyguards, the beaming president-

elect gave high-fives to some spectators, even stopping to take a selfie with one of them.

After he was sworn in but before he moved to dissolve parliament,

Zelenskyy asked the Supreme Rada to adopt a bill against illegal enrichment and support his motions to fire the country's defense minister, the head of the Ukrainian Security Service and the Prosecutor General. All of them are allies of former President Petro Poroshenko, who lost the election to the comedian with no previous political experience but who played the Ukrainian president on a popular TV show for years.

In a feisty speech after his inauguration, Zelenskyy told the Rada that his main goal for the presidency is to bring peace to eastern Ukraine, where government troops have been fighting Russia-backed separatists for five years in a conflict that has left at least 13,000 dead.

"I'm ready to do everything so that our heroes don't die there," he said. "It wasn't us who started that war. But we need to be the one to finish it."

As ministers and lawmakers listened with dismay, Zelenskyy urged everyone in the cabinet to resign, asking them to "free the spot for people who will think about the future generations, not about the future elections."

UN health agency finds staff abusing travel rules

By MARIA CHENG
Associated Press

LONDON — The World Health Organization spent nearly \$192 million on travel expenses last year, with staffers sometimes breaking the agency's own rules by traveling in business class, booking expensive last-minute tickets and traveling without the required approvals, according to internal documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The abuses could spook potential donors and partners as the organization begins its weeklong annual meeting Monday in Geneva, seeking increased support to fight a devastating outbreak of Ebola in Congo and other deadly diseases including polio, malaria and measles.

The nearly \$192 million is down 4% from 2017 when the agency pledged to rein in travel abuses following an AP investigation.

But recent documents show WHO auditors found some WHO staffers were still brazenly misrepresenting the reasons for their travel to exploit loopholes in the organization's policies and flying business class, which can be several times more expensive than economy, even though they did not meet the criteria to do so.

The agency's inability to curb its expenses could undermine its credibility and make it more



AL-HADI KUDRA MALIRO/AP

An Ebola health worker is seen at a treatment center on April 16 in Beni, Eastern Congo.

difficult to raise money to fight health crises, according to Sophie Harman, a global health professor at Queen Mary University in London. She said the problem wasn't so much the amount that WHO was spending on travel, but how it was being used.

In a statement on Monday, WHO said "travel is often essential to reaching people in need" and noted more than half of its staff spending went to bring out-side experts and country representatives, often from developing countries, to technical meetings.

It added that a range of new measures were adopted in 2018 that aimed to make sure "staff travel is necessary, economical, appropriate and efficient."

While overall spending has fallen, abuses continue, documents show. In one report provided to the AP, external WHO auditors analyzed 116 randomly selected travel claims that were flagged as "emergency" requests and therefore exempt from stricter U.N. travel controls. They found proof that in more than half of the claims, the travel was instead for regular duties like attending workshops or speaking engagements.

Political chaos reigns in Austria after scandal

By GEIR MOULSON
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Associated Press

VIENNA — Political chaos reigns in Austria on Monday, two days after the chancellor called for a new election and pulled the plug on his ruling coalition with the far-right Freedom Party, whose leader quit over an apparent influence-peddling scandal involving a purported Russian investor.

Conservative Chancellor Sebastian Kurz appeared to be preparing Monday to force out the country's interior minister, a divisive figure in the Freedom Party, according to a senior member of his government.

Kurz had called for a new national election after Vice Chancellor Heinz-Christian Strache quit his post and the leadership of the Freedom Party on Saturday following the leaking of a damning video showing his behavior at a gathering in Ibiza two years ago. The national election is expected in September, but it remains unclear how the country will be governed until then.

Strache's resignation was a setback for populist and nationalist forces as Europe heads into the final days of campaigning for the European Parliament elections, which run from Thursday through Sunday.

The Freedom Party is the junior member of Kurz's governing coalition that took power in December 2017. Kurz said Saturday that he would win Freedom Party members after the Strache scan-

dal broke showed no real will to change.

For now, Freedom Party ministers remain in place, but a minister from Kurz's People's Party, Gernot Blumel, told ORF television he expects that Kurz will dismiss Interior Minister Herbert Kickl.

The Freedom Party said it would pull its ministers out of the outgoing government if Kickl is dismissed.

Blumel cited a need to get the bottom of the scandal triggered by a video, leaked to two German publications, in which Strache and party colleague Johann Gudenus are heard telling a purported Russian investor that she can expect lucrative construction contracts if she buys an Austrian newspaper and supports the Freedom Party. Gudenus has quit as leader of the party's parliamentary group and is leaving the party.

Kurz said Saturday that "enough is enough" — a reference to a string of smaller scandals involving the Freedom Party that had plagued his government.

Kickl's longtime campaign mastermind of Freedom Party, has drawn criticism over matters including a raid last year on Austria's BVT spy agency, which opposition parties claimed was an attempt by the new government to purge domestic political enemies.

Kickl accused Kurz and the People's Party of a power grab, saying they had insisted not only that he step down but that his party give up the interior ministry post.

Swiss approve tighter gun laws, in line with EU

GENEVA — Swiss voters on Sunday approved a measure to tighten the Alpine nation's gun laws, bringing the country in line with many of its European partners despite the objections of local gun owners, official results showed.

The Federal Chancellery said preliminary results showed nearly 64% of voters nationwide agreed to align with European Union firearms rules adopted two years ago after deadly attacks in France, Belgium, Germany and Britain.

The vote was part of Switzerland's regular referendums that give citizens a direct say in policymaking. It had stoked passions in a country with long, proud traditions of gun ownership and sport and target shooting.

Opponents insisted the proposal would violate Switzerland's constitution and do little to fight extremism or crime.

Vast gasoline lines form in oil-rich Venezuela

MARACAIBO, Venezuela — U.S. sanctions on oil-rich Venezuela appear to be taking hold, resulting in near-long lines for fuel in the South American nation's second-largest city, Maracaibo.

Some drivers said they'd had to wait almost 24 hours to fuel up, and people have been grabbing catnaps on the hoods of cars or in truck beds.

A satellite cruising over Maracaibo on Thursday captured pictures of cars lined up for a mile through the city to the pumps, according to by Maxar Technologies, a U.S.-based space technology company.

Across the country in Maracaibo, angry drivers lined up complaining that police were profiting off their frustrations. Drivers said officers overseeing the lines allowed some to pay the equivalent of \$3.60 — more than half of the monthly minimum wage — to cut into a shorter line while others waited to fill up their tanks with subsidized fuel that costs less than a penny.

Convicted Russian agent files appeal for money

MOSCOW — A Russian gun rights activist serving a U.S. prison sentence for acting as an unregistered foreign agent has released a video in which he says he wants to pay for legal costs.

Maria Butina was sentenced in April to 18 months after she admitted gathering intelligence on the National Rifle Association and other groups at the direction of a former Russian lawmaker.

In the video that appeared on social media, Butina speaks on a phone in a dormitory with bunk beds. She says her lawyer is filing an appeal and she asks for contributions to help pay him.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said Sunday on state TV that she aren't financing a lawyer, but we are doing everything so that she will be afforded all rights as a Russian citizen."

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WORLD

Report: More firms in China handing over technology

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

BEIJING — The number of foreign companies that feel compelled to hand over technology in exchange for Chinese market access — an issue that sparked President Donald Trump's fight with Beijing — has doubled since two years ago despite official promises to end such pressure, a business group reported Monday.

The European Chamber of Commerce in China's report highlighted enduring complaints about "forced technology transfer" that China's trading partners say violate its market-opening commitments despite denials and promises of change.

European leaders have criticized Trump's tactics in confronting Beijing over its technology ambitions but echo U.S. criticisms.

One in five companies that responded to a survey in January, before the latest round of U.S. and

Chinese tariff hikes, said they felt compelled to hand over technology, up from 10% in a 2017 survey, the European chamber said.

"It is not something that is back in history. It is still happening now," a chamber vice president, Charlotte Roule, told reporters ahead of the report's release. She said ending that "should be a priority."

The share of companies that said they felt compelled to transfer technology was higher in some fields — 30% in petroleum and chemicals, 28% in medical devices, 27% for pharmaceuticals and 21% in the auto industry. One-quarter of those companies said transfers were happening at the time of the survey.

The report gave no details of why companies felt compelled to hand over technology. But the heavily regulated economy gives Chinese regulators leverage over companies, and business groups say they sometimes give orders in secret.

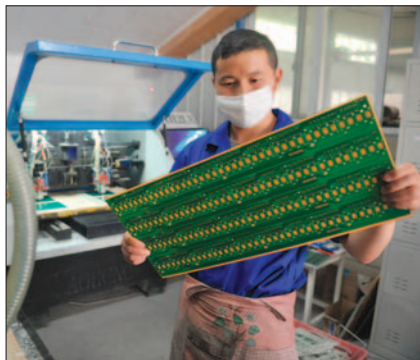
Trump started raising tariffs

on Chinese imports last July over complaints Beijing steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology. Europe, Japan and other trading partners echo U.S. complaints that such practices violate Chinese commitments to open its markets and treat foreign companies equally in exchange for access to their markets.

"China's lagging reform agenda not only holds back economic development but it has also driven global tension," said Roule.

Chinese officials deny foreign companies are required to hand over technology. But companies in auto manufacturing, electronics and other industries that want to operate in China are required to be minority partners in ventures with state-owned partners, which forces them to share technology and expertise.

A law endorsed in March by China's ceremonial legislature tries to reassure foreign investors by prohibiting use of "administrative measures" to compel tech-



CHINATOPIC/AP

A staff member works in a circuit board manufacturing facility in Hangzhou in eastern China's Zhejiang province in 2018. A report issued Monday said the number of foreign companies in China that feel compelled to hand over technology in exchange for market access has doubled since two years ago.

nology transfer. Business groups welcomed that but said Chinese officials still have extensive leverage in the heavily regulated economy.

Tech transfer was one of a series of complaints the European chamber said prompts pessimism

among companies about whether the ruling Communist Party will follow through on promises to open its markets.

One-third of companies surveyed said they don't expect ever to see a "meaningful opening" of Chinese markets.

S. Koreans vow to rush aid to North

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea vowed Monday to move quickly on plans to provide \$8 million worth of medical and nutritional aid for North Korean children through U.N. agencies while it also considers sending broader food aid to the country, which says it is suffering its worst drought in decades.

Lee Sang-min, spokesman for Seoul's Unification Ministry, said the government will discuss its plans with the World Food Program and the United Nations Children's Fund, through which the aid would be provided, so it reaches North Korean children and pregnant women quickly. South Korea is also trying to build public and political support for providing wider food aid to North Korea, either directly or through the WFP.

North Korea's state media said last week that the country was suffering its worst drought in more than a century amid reported food shortages.

"The government will first discuss with international organizations over the provision of aid and take measures so that the support arrives (in North Korea) quickly," Lee said. "On the matter of direct aid, we will consider the matter while sufficiently garnering the opinions of our citizens."

South Korean President Moon Jae-in has expressed hopes that aid will help revive diplomacy and engagement with North Korea, which tapered off after a nuclear summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump in February broke down because of differences over sanctions relief and disarmament steps. Kim has since declared that the Trump administration has until the end of the year to come up with mutually acceptable terms for a deal to salvage the negotiations.

While the United States has urged allies to maintain economic pressure on North Korea until it takes market steps toward relinquishing its nuclear weapons, White House spokesman Sarah Sanders



APTN/AP

North Korean farmers plant rice seedlings in a field in South Pyongan Province, North Korea. U.N. food agencies said that about 10 million people were facing "severe food shortages."

recently said Washington has no plan to "intervene" if South Korea moves forward with food aid.

But Moon's government has yet to decide on concrete plans amid growing public frustration over Kim's government, which recently resumed short-range missile tests that were apparently aimed at pressuring Washington and Seoul.

It is also unclear whether any aid package from South Korea would influence the behavior of North Korea, which has been demanding much bigger concessions from the South, such as resuming inter-Korean economic projects currently held back by the U.S.-led sanctions against the North. A North Korean propaganda website last week described the South Korean proposals for humanitarian aid as disrespectful and said Seoul was trying to sidestep fundamental issues with "hollow talk and boastful credit-taking."

The last time South Korea provided humanitarian aid to North Korea through an international agency was in 2015, when it gave \$800,000 to a U.N. Population Fund project to evaluate North Korean public health conditions. Moon's government first proposed providing \$8 million to the WFP and UNICEF to help North Korean children and pregnant women in 2017, but the plans were halted amid a series of North Korean weapons tests that year.

An abrupt turn toward diplomacy in 2018 saw Kim meet with Trump twice and three times with Moon.

Pig disease in China pushes up pork prices

Associated Press

BEIJING — Hong Kong retiree Lee Wai-man loves pork fresh from the market but eats a lot less now that the price has jumped as China struggles with a deadly swine disease that has sent shockwaves through global meat markets.

China produces and consumes two-thirds of the world's pork, but output is plunging as Beijing destroys herds and blocks shipments to stop African swine fever. Importers are filling the gap by buying pork as far as Europe, boosting prices by up to 40% and causing shortages in other markets.

"I'm a fresh-pork lover, but it's too expensive," Lee, 87, said as she shopped at a Hong Kong market.

African swine fever doesn't harm humans but is fatal and spreads quickly among pigs. It was first reported in August in China's northeast. Since then, 1 million pigs have died and the disease has spread to 31 of China's 34 provinces, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

The outbreak's scale is unprecedented, said Dirk Pfeiffer, a veterinary epidemiologist at the City University of Hong Kong.

"This is probably the most complex animal disease we have ever had to deal with," Pfeiffer said.

China's shortfall is likely to be so severe it will match Europe's annual pork output and exceed U.S. production by 30%, industry

researchers say.

"Everyone wants to import as much pork as possible," said industry analyst Angela Zhang of IQC Insights. She said the trend is likely to accelerate as Chinese production falls.

That's a boost for farmers in Germany, Spain and other countries with healthy pigs but hard on families in Southeast Asia and other poor markets that rely on pork for protein.

This year's Chinese pork output might fall by up to 35%, according to Rabobank, a Dutch bank.

Global supplies will be "redirected to China," the bank's researchers said in an April report. It said the "unprecedented shift" in trade will likely cause shortages in other markets.

Short supplies are a serious concern in places such as Cambodia where pork is the only meat many families can afford.

Cambodia's live hog price jumped 37% in the past six months, according to Srun Pov, president of the Cambodia Livestock Raisers Association.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture expects China's pork imports to soar 41% this year over 2018 to 2.2 million tons. There's no immediate end in sight as "evidence mounts that China will be unable to eradicate ASF in the near-term," it said in a recent report.

The USDA forecasts China's total hog herd will shrink by 18% this year to 350 million animals, the lowest level since the 1980s.

US Permian Basin gives America leverage

WEDNESDAY IN THE PACIFIC

CHINA

RUSSIA

N. KOREA

S. KOREA

Sea of Japan

JAPAN

Pacific Ocean

Seoul 73/50

Osan 77/49

Busan 71/53

Sasebo 70/57

Iwakuni 68/59

Tokyo 70/62

Misawa 62/50

Guam 88/81

Philippine Sea

Okinawa 75/72

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Car plows into picnic area; family of 4 hurt

CO LOVELAND — Authorities in Colorado said a vehicle veered off a roadway and crashed into a picnic area at a Dairy Queen, injuring a family of four.

LoveLand Police Department Lt. Jeff Pyle said the accident occurred just after noon on Saturday. A witness told authorities that a driver in a Toyota Corolla was driving erratically when the car went off the road and careened into the picnic area, striking the victims as they sat at a table.

All four were taken to the hospital with injuries that weren't life-threatening.

The driver was taken into custody. Pyle said alcohol or drugs are suspected to have played a role in the accident.

LED billboard catches fire in Times Square

NY NEW YORK — Firefighters responded to the scene of a digital billboard on fire Saturday in Times Square.

Flames started shooting out of the LED billboard just after 3 p.m. Saturday.

The fire department said no injuries were reported and there was no damage to the building the sign is attached to.

A department spokesman said firefighters had to work to turn the billboard's power off.

Vehicle plunges down embankment; 1 killed

MN MORRIS — A man who was fishing in western Minnesota was killed when he was struck by a vehicle that struck a parked pickup truck and then plunged down an embankment.

The Stevens County Sheriff's Office said Nicholas Hervin, 32, of Morris, was fishing on Long Lake last Wednesday evening when he was hit by a vehicle driven by Joshua Dewald, 40, of Brooten.

Officials said Dewald had been driving east on County Road 10 when he drifted into the west-bound lane and hit the parked pickup.

That caused Dewald's vehicle to slide sideways down the embankment.

Hervin died at a local hospital. Authorities said Dewald was arrested on several outstanding warrants.

Mayday in May: Snow leads to travel alert

ND BISMARCK — Snow in May in North Dakota is not all that unusual — and not all that much fun for some.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation on Saturday issued a travel alert for southwestern North Dakota for blowing snow. The DOT reported slippery road conditions and reduced visibility in Dickinson, Beach, Richardson and surrounding areas.

DOT spokeswoman Peggy Anderson said there were two travel alerts issued because of wintry weather in May of 2015, one for

THE CENSUS

\$186K

The amount of money raised at a Wyoming elk antler auction for a wildlife refuge and the Boy Scouts. Saturday's annual auction in Jackson brought in over \$186,000 from the sale of more than 10,000 pounds of antlers. Male elk naturally drop their antlers each year. Local scouts recently gathered hundreds of antlers shed on the National Elk Refuge. Bidders paid an average of almost \$17 per pound for antlers this year. That's down from last year's average but well above the 10-year average. Refuge officials say local scouts keep 25% of the proceeds, and 75% goes to the refuge for wildlife habitat projects.



PAM PANCHAK, THE PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE/AP

Dragon demonstration

Amelia Summons, 7, of Marion, Pa., helps demonstrate bearded dragon facts during a presentation at the Steel City Reptile Expo at Printscape Arena on Saturday in Southpointe, a Pittsburgh suburb.

the south central part of the state and one for the north-central region.

Melrene Carlson, cashier at the County Line Truck Stop north of Dickinson, said the snow "is really coming down" and that her customers had reported numerous accidents. Carlson was taking the weather in stride because "after all, it's spring in North Dakota."

50 arrested, guns, drugs seized in bust

CT WATERBURY — Police in Connecticut said they have arrested 50 people and seized drugs and guns during an investigation that was spurred by heroin-related deaths.

Authorities in Waterbury began the raids at 5 a.m. Friday after getting 92 arrest warrants for 52 people. Officials said 135 law enforcement officials took part.

Police said officers arrested 41 of the 52 people who were sought and took another nine people into custody on drug-related charges.

Officials said they seized 8 ounces of raw heroin, several thousand bags of heroin packaged for sale, more than \$15,000 in cash, two cars, two handguns and one rifle.

Giant spoon sculpture highlights opioid crisis

NH CONCORD — A giant spoon aimed to draw attention to the country's opioid

crisis was on display this past weekend in New Hampshire.

The Concord Monitor reported that Boston artist Domenic Esposito brought the 10-foot-long spoon to Kimball Jenkins in Concord Sunday afternoon. Esposito, who lost a family member to drug addiction, said he created the 800-pound spoon to highlight those responsible for the epidemic. He initially created a similar spoon and placed it outside Purdue Pharma, the maker of Oxycontin, in June 2018.

State scraps old state fish record for catfish

SD SIOUX FALLS — South Dakota wildlife officials are voiding their oldest state fish

record after determining that the fish had been misidentified.

State Fisheries Program Administrator Geno Adams said the 55-pound fish, caught by Roy Groves in 1949 has been the subject of controversy for years. It was originally identified as a channel catfish, but many have argued that it was a blue catfish.

Adams took what he called "an informal poll" by sending the photo to experts in fish identification and to South Dakota State University fisheries professors. The group unanimously agreed it was a blue catfish.

Zoo displays sculptures of illegal snare traps

MI ROYAL OAK — Sculptures made from illegal snare traps that threaten wildlife in Africa are on display at the Detroit Zoo.

The exhibition "Snare to Wares: Capacity for Change" is on view at the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo in the Detroit suburb of Royal Oak through next March. It includes works created by artisans in Uganda who live near a national park where poaching is a serious problem.

The Snares to Wares Initiative was created by students and conservationists at Michigan State University to provide alternative sources of income for people who may otherwise turn to poaching. Steel wires are often used to create the traps.

Under the initiative, traps are removed and the wire is used for sculptures of animals including lions, giraffes and elephants. The sculptures then are sold.

Van passenger impaled by tripod on freeway

CA SACRAMENTO — Authorities said somebody stole a tripod from a California Department of Transportation crew and then dropped it from an overpass onto a Sacramento freeway, impaling the lung of a passenger in a van.

The driver of the van, Tim Page, told KCRA-TV that he was on Interstate 5 Thursday morning when the yellow-and-red tripod smashed through the glass. He said it went through his passenger's lung and popped out.

The man survived but with broken ribs and a partially punctured lung.

Authorities said a man, 32, who they suspect threw the tripod was arrested on a warrant but may face a charge of attempted murder.

Page, who volunteers with El Dorado Veteran Resources, had picked up his passenger and another veteran from the airport.

From wire reports

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'John Wick: Chapter 3' takes down 'Avengers'

From wire services

It had to happen eventually, and Keanu Reeves was the man to do it.

"John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum" stole the top spot at the weekend box office from the mighty Marvel blockbuster "Avengers: Endgame," which had dominated for three consecutive weeks.

"Parabellum" opened above expectations, with a franchise-best \$57 million in the U.S. and Canada, and earned \$92.2 million globally, according to estimates from Comscore.

The original "John Wick" opened in 2014 with \$14.4 million and was followed up in 2017 with "Chapter 2," which premiered to \$30.4 million in domestic grosses.

In "Parabellum," Reeves resumes the role of the titular former hitman who finds himself on the run from assassins.

"Endgame" added \$29.4 million over the weekend, a 54% drop, for a cumulative \$770.8 million. Globally, the movie stands at \$2.6 billion and remains the No. 2 film of all time, behind only "Avatar" (\$2.78 billion).

At No. 3, "Pokemon Detective Pikachu" added \$24.8 million in its second weekend for a cumulative \$94 million.

A Disney Journey opened below expectations with \$8 million for fourth place.

Rounding out the top five, "The Hustle" added \$6.1 million in its second weekend for a cumulative \$23.1 million.

Another new release, "The Sun Is Also a Star," opened at No. 8 with a disappointing \$2.6 million.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Wouk dies

Herman Wouk, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of the Navy drama "The Caine Mutiny" whose sweeping novels about World War II, the Holocaust and the creation of Israel made him one of the most popular writers of his generation and helped revitalize the genre of historical fiction, died May 17 at his home in Palm Springs, Calif. He was 103.

Wouk (his last name is pronounced "Woke") penned a dozen novels, a handful of plays and several nonfiction books over the course of his nearly 60-year career. A meticulous researcher, he specialized in stories of personal conflict set against the backdrop of compelling historical events, including "The Caine Mutiny" (1951), "The Winds of War" (1971) and "War and Remembrance" (1978). The latter two became ABC miniseries in the 1980s starring Robert Mitchum that averaged tens of millions of viewers over the course of their broadcast and were the highest-rated miniseries after Alex Haley's "Roots."

In a forum that the author would co-ed in other novels, "The Winds of War" and its sequel, "War and

Remembrance," trace World War II through the experiences of one family. "The Winds of War" follows Navy officer Victor "Pug" Henry and his relatives from the German invasion of Poland to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, where its sequel begins and then proceeds to the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.

The pair of books established Wouk's legacy as a master of historical fiction, in which he blended the narrative power of fiction with great understanding and empathy for the human motivations behind wars and other historical events. The Economist magazine called "The Winds of War" "as serious a contribution to the literature of our time as 'War and Peace' was that of the nineteenth century."

Kardashian West says baby's name is Psalm

To messages of support and puzzlement, Kim Kardashian West has, seemingly, revealed her newborn's name: Psalm West.

The beauty mogul, reality star, law student and wife of Kanye West took to her social streams to share the first look at their fourth child, born May 9. A photo of the boy nestled in a crib came in the form of a text message screen grab with her husband that said the couple are "blessed beyond measure."

The baby is their second boy and the second to be born via surrogate because of a potentially life-threatening medical condition that complicated Kardashian West's two pregnancies.

The baby joins 5-year-old sister North, 3-year-old brother Saint and 15-month-old sister Chicago.

Other news

■ **Matthew McConaughey** has finally received his high school diploma, more than 30 years after graduating. The actor was given his original diploma May 17 when he returned to his Texas alma mater to address the class of 2019. A Longview High School spokeswoman told the Longview News-Journal that graduates normally receive diploma holders during commencement ceremonies and that the actual diploma must be picked up later. She said McConaughey never got his. The 49-year-old graduated from Longview in 1988. He responded to receiving his diploma with one word: "proof."

■ **Actor and stand-up comedian Sammy Shore**, who co-founded the world-famous Los Angeles comedy club the Comedy Store, died May 18 at the age of 92. He was the father of comedian Pauly Shore. Sammy Shore's nearly seven-decade career stretched from New York's "Borscht Belt" summer resorts to Las Vegas and the studios of Hollywood. He opened for such legendary singers as Elvis Presley, Barbra Streisand and Tony Bennett.



MARVEL STUDIOS-DISNEY/AP

James Gunn, pictured below, will be back to direct Chris Pratt, above, and the gang in "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3," due out in 2021. Gunn says the ordeal has made him thankful for his friends.

'Guardians of the Galaxy' director Gunn says he's a better person after being fired, rehired

By MIKE CIDONI LENNOX

Associated Press

It's been a roller-coaster year for James Gunn, who was fired from "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3" over old tweets in July, and rehired this March. But the writer-director who shepherded the first two "Guardians" films to critical and box office success said the experience has been educational.

"I'm a better person than I was a year ago," Gunn told The Associated Press on May 18. "It's made me more creative and focused on the things that really matter to me, which are my friends, my relationships and the movies that I'm making."

Although even after his firing, Gunn didn't exactly have a fallow period as he was hired fairly soon by Marvel's rival to work on the sequel to "Suicide Squad." Now, Gunn is fully back in the public eye promoting the horror film "Brightburn," which he produced, and resuming work on the third "Guardians" movie.

The ordeal has made him thankful for his friends who have supported him throughout. Actress Elizabeth Banks, who stars in "Brightburn," is one of those in the circle of people he can go to.

"There's a lot of things that people talk about Hollywood-cut-throat this and Hollywood-bad that and all

the things that are terrible about Hollywood. But the truth is ... I have one really good gift ... I'm attracted to really good people and I have chosen to put wonderful people around me, whether it's the actors I work with, the crew members I work with, my, you know, the writers I would deal with, the studio people I deal with," Gunn said. "There are a lot of really good people in this industry."

The 52-year-old found himself under intense scrutiny last year when tweets from nearly a decade ago in which he joked about subjects such as pedophilia and rape resurfaced because of far-right propagandists Mike Cernovich and Jack Posobiec after Gunn was critical of President Donald Trump. Gunn apologized for his tweets, but Walt Disney Co. chairman Alan Horn said that they were inconsistent with the studio's values.

Both fans and his cast including Chris Pratt, Bradley Cooper, Zoe Saldana, Vin Diesel and others stans rallied behind him in the wake of the firing last July.

"Although I don't support James Gunn's inappropriate jokes from years ago, he is a good man," Pratt said.

But it was still somewhat surprising that Disney backtracked and this March announced that Gunn had been reinstated as the writer and director of "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3."

Marvel Studios President Kevin Feige told the AP last month that he was glad it happened.

"It was the right thing," Feige said. "It was something that Alan Horn at Disney really believed was the right thing to do."

'There are a lot of really good people in this industry.'

James Gunn

director, in defense of the culture in Hollywood



A newly restored 'The Shining' debuts in Cannes

Associated Press

Thirty-nine years later, Jack is still not a dull boy.

In a new pristine restoration, Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining" premiered at the Cannes Film Festival on May 17.

Alfonso Cuarón introduced the film, alongside Kubrick's daughter, Katharina Kubrick, and Leon Vitali, Kubrick's long-time assistant.

"If anybody hasn't seen it on the screen before, it's a different experience completely," Vitali told the crowd. "Don't worry; you'll all come out of here alive."

Cuarón didn't oversee "The Shining" restoration. That role went to Steven Spielberg, whose 2018 sci-fi thriller "Ready Player One" included a lengthy homage to "The Shining." But Cuarón

lavished praise on "The Shining" while playfully prodding conspiracy theorists that dig into the film for hidden meanings.

"Actually, tonight, we're going to watch it backwards, because backwards, we'll see it with the message Kubrick (intended)," joked Cuarón.

"The Shining" restoration will be released on home video Oct. 1.

SHIFTING GEARS



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Improved looks, power for 2019 Jeep Overland

By BARRY SPYKER
Tribune News Service

With all that's happening in the Jeep world the past six months, it would be understandable to overlook mostly subtle improvements to the 2019 Cherokee.

The first one is not so subtle: The front end has been redesigned. The squinty-eyed headlights that most folks have loathed are gone, replaced with more conventional headlights and a new cascading grille that resembles its Jeep brethren.

The new top-level Cherokee Overland 4x4 also gets a lightweight composite lift gate (with hands-free feature) and new LED lamps in the rear, and a new aluminum hood. Under the hood is the best surprise: an all-new 2.0-liter turbocharged engine with more punch and better mileage (24 mpg combined).

Jeep has been busy of late with plans for a new assembly plant in Detroit while it re-tools five others to accommodate a growing lineup. Three new models are in the works, including a Ram-based Wagoneer/Grand Wagoneer and a three-row Grand Cherokee. Hybrid versions of those plus a fully electric Jeep are not far behind, Jeep has reported.

But Cherokee's upgrades this year are worthy of note. The new direct-injected four-cylinder engine is shared with the sporty Alfa Romeo and has more kick from the line than even the 3.2-liter V-6. It puts

2019 Jeep Cherokee Overland 4x4

What's all the excitement about? No more alien-eyed headlights; It gets a redesigned front end and a new available engine

Base price: \$37,775

Price as tested: \$40,715 (includes Technology group, \$995; 2.0-liter I-4 turbo engine, \$500)

Powertrain: 2.0-liter inline 4-cylinder turbocharged engine capable of 295 pound-feet of torque; mated to nine-speed transmission

How's the performance? Improved acceleration — makes 60 mph in 7 seconds. New suspension translates to great daily ride quality and handling.

EPA fuel economy rating: 21 mpg city/29 highway/24 combined

TNS



out 270 horsepower and 295 pound-feet of torque and gets to 60 mph in 7 seconds flat. Both engines use Jeep's nine-speed automatic transmission, which has been recalibrated and feels more decisive now at slower speeds.

On-road ride quality is comfortable and confident. Atop 19-inch tires, Cherokee Overland offers good road feedback with its new and nicely-weighted electronic steering. Curves and swerves are well controlled thanks to upgraded dampers and anti-roll bars.

Few can compete with Jeep when the pavement turns to gravel, mud, snow and

rock. The 4x4 Overland comes with Jeep's Active Drive I which is like an all-wheel-drive system, engaging other wheels when needed for extra traction. Two other 4-wheel-drive systems are available.

All Cherokees also get Selec-Terrain, which adapts the mechanics for various road conditions, including snow, sport, and sand/mud. When the going gets rocky, Cherokee is ready and able with an impressive approach angle of 29.9 degrees, and departure at 32.2.

Inside, driver and front passenger are kept secure and comfortable with bolstered, ventilated seats. Seats are leather

trimmed and "Overland" is embroidered on seat backs. Both driver and passenger seats are power adjustable.

Rear seats slide back, expanding legroom, but taller folks still may find headroom a little cramped. Perhaps a huge two-panel sunroof will brighten the experience back there.

Cargo space is up by three cubic feet behind the rear seat, now at 25.8 cubic feet. But, with total capacity at 54.7 cubes, one can do better among rivals. There is a shallow storage area underneath the cargo floor and a small compartment atop the dash.

Simple, easy-to-reach knobs and dials make it a breeze to control climate and the nine-speaker Alpine audio system. And Jeep's 4th-generation (faster processors this year) Uconnect infotainment system continues to be one of the most user-friendly on the road. An 8.4-inch touchscreen offers sharp color and graphics and is compatible with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

A safety package (\$995) provides of bevy of high-tech features, including adaptive cruise with stop and go, collision warning with crash mitigation, lane-departure warning, and parking assist for both parallel and perpendicular spots.

The Cherokee Overland 4x4, with its new looks and turbo power, likely will contribute to Jeep's growing success on whatever terrain folks choose to rumble over.

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OPINION

What anti-abortion bills are countering

By KATHLEEN PARKER
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When author Mark Childress penned "Crazy in Alabama," he wasn't just whistling Dixie. "I haven't been quoted this much since Roy Moore," Childress recently told me, referring to last week's coverage of Alabama's passage of a law banning abortion in nearly all circumstances. Moore, of course, was an Alabama U.S. Senate candidate who lost a 2017 race after accusations surfaced of past inappropriate sexual conduct with underage girls.

So, is Alabama really crazy? Is Georgia, which recently passed a "heartbeat bill" banning abortion after a baby's heartbeat can be detected, usually at around six weeks? (Neither law has taken effect, and both will surely be challenged in court.) Let I be chastened for daring humanize an embryo, let me state for the record that the correct term for "heartbeat" is "fetal pole cardiac activity," because at six weeks, said embryo doesn't have a cardiovascular system and, therefore, no fully formed, beating heart.

The question of craziness, meanwhile, depends upon one's definition of crazy. Is Alabama crazier than New York, where some protections for babies "born" alive during an abortion were recently eliminated, making it easier to end their life if desired by the abortion seeker?

Is Alabama crazier than Virginia, where Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam seemed to support infanticide back in January when commenting on a proposed bill that would relax some of the state's abortion restrictions? In a radio interview, he said that in cases where a mother goes into labor with a late-term fetus that has "severe deformities ... there may be a fetus that's not viable ... the infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family de-



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Jim Snively, of Huntsville, Ala., waves to passing cars while holding an anti-abortion sign in front of the Alabama Women's Wellness Center on Friday in Huntsville.

sired. And then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother."

Trying to clarify after the inevitable firestorm, Northam's office later said that the "discussion" would be regarding medical prognosis and treatment, not ending the life of the newborn. For a physician, Northam seems challenged to express himself medically. And consider this: Although only about 1.4% of abortions occur at or after 21 weeks, the Guttmacher Institute's data suggest that "most women seeking later terminations are not doing so for reasons of fetal anomaly or life endangerment." Just to be clear.

The crucial aspect of both the New York law and Virginia's proposed law (which has been tabled, for now) is that they reduce medical oversight of late-term abortions.

In both cases, only one doctor would be involved in deciding and performing a late-term abortion, eliminating additional physicians who can tend to a baby that survives an abortion. New York previously had required two doctors in the room; Virginia required that three doctors cer-

tify that continuing the pregnancy would likely cause the patient's death or that it would "substantially and irretrievably impair" her mental or physical health. Thus, a single doctor could decide that a woman's perhaps fleeting state would be sufficient to end a baby's potentially viable life.

Some Americans may find these adjustments acceptable, though they are surely few. More important is to understand that the extremism of what New York did — and Virginia attempted to do — invited the extremism of Alabama, Georgia and other pro-life states.

Nevertheless, anti-abortion legislative efforts haven't been for naught. Fence-sitters may now see more clearly on which side to plant their feet. In a 2016 Pew poll, 69% of Americans opposed overturning Roe vs. Wade. But most people are comfortable with limitations. We can quibble over where those limits should be, but nothing will ever please everyone. Where insight fails, facts are often helpful: Biologically, life begins at conception. Full stop. A fetus is not part of a woman's body except as is umbilically necessary to sustain its life. Otherwise, it is a free-floating human being with its own unique DNA. If left to develop according to nature's course, the little tadpole would become a fully formed human baby and, barring unforeseen circumstances, grow up to become a regular reader of this column.

It is ironic, meanwhile, that as anti-abortion activists radicalize their agenda, abortion rates are in steady decline. Likewise, pro-abortion rights activists are radicalizing their agenda as birth rates are no longer sufficient to replace the current population. Whatever transpires in the legal realm, I'll always wonder how acceptance of destroying the pre-born has affected our humanity. And how many among the over 60 million Americans aborted since 1973 were destined to shape a better world.

I know. Crazy.

Not running for president? You have my vote.

will achieve — and with a far greater likelihood of success.

Running for president is a vanity project at the best of times, that is, amid less crowded fields and at less dire junctures in our national history. There is a price to be paid for the ego-stroking that comes with a race, for both winners and losers. By Dec. 31, 2016, Hillary Clinton had raised \$1.4 billion and spent 98% of that — the majority of which, one can surmise, did not go to the struggling middle-class workers she pledged to help with her presidency.

There are personal costs, too. Think former congressman Beto O'Rourke's not-joke-quotes about his wife raising his children with his occasional help, or, less seriously, the embarrassment Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., may feel having had her comb-in-salad habits made public. Maybe all 23 candidates really have been called to serve, and maybe they all think that they can win. But it's doubtful that this is the best use of their copious talents and resources.

Such sacrifices, one might argue, are worth the trouble for the country's sake. But most of these candidates have day jobs, where their time and expertise might allow them to make more of a difference in people's lives than stumping nationwide ever could. Take de Blasio, whose announcement was greeted with a wave of dismay. He has 8.4 million constituents in New York already — and 76% of them would prefer that he tend to the city before

taking on the country as a whole.

And even if these candidates have tired of their current roles, there are other offices to aspire to — less glorious than the White House, perhaps, but important nonetheless. Bullock was elected governor twice in Montana, a Trump-voted state. Were he to run for Senate in 2020, he could help shift the upper chamber's narrow GOP majority in his party's direction. He also has a shot at winning that race.

Of course, having a big field of candidates isn't all bad. Irrespective of their chances, new candidates can introduce fresh ideas and perspectives into a debate that often feels pre-written. Andrew Yang, a former tech executive, has made a "Freedom Dividend" of \$1,000 per citizen, per month, his campaign's signature policy proposal. In doing so, he is beginning to move the concept of "universal basic income" from a fringe idea to something worthy of debate. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, made what he called "the dignity of work" a major theme in the Democratic Party's narrative.

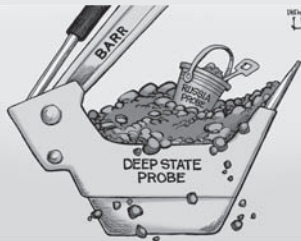
In the end, Brown made the wise decision not to run. He and his wife now joke about how glad she is not to be married to a man who looks in the mirror and sees the leader of the free world. (For one thing, they can keep their home decor intact.)

Fewer self-indulgent fantasies is the right idea for a moment like ours. Not running for president? You have my vote.

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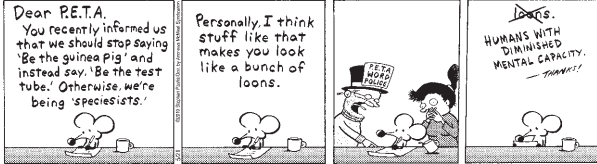
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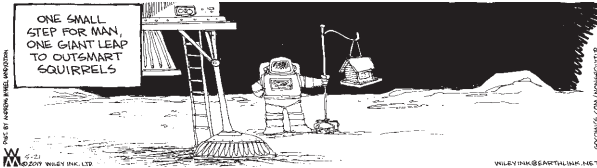
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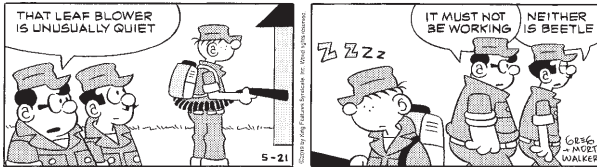
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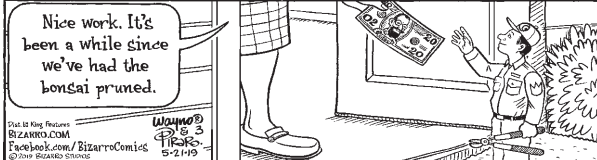
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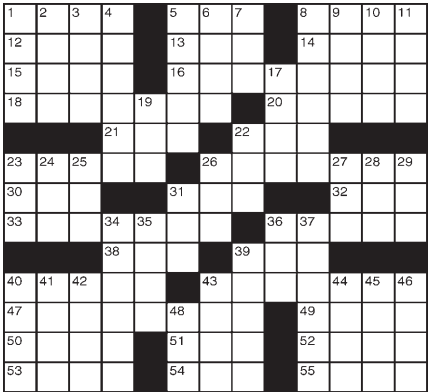
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Cortland (N.Y.) Region
Cortland 18, Tufts 5, Cortland advances
Gorham (Maine) Region
S. Maine 16, New England Coll. 4, New England Coll. 7, S. Maine 6, New England Coll. advances
Hartford (Conn.) Region
Trinity (Conn.) 12, Babson 3
Babson 10, Trinity (Conn.) 3
Orange (Calif.) Region
Cal State Whitman 9, Chapman advances

St. Louis Region
Washington (Mo.) 10, Coe 5, Coe 4, Washington (Mo.) 3, Coe advances
Salisbury (Md.) Region
Washington & Jefferson 6, Rowan 5, W&J advances
Seguin (Texas) Region
Franklin 13, Concordia 4
Concordia Texas 6, Franklin 4, Concordia Texas advances

Union (N.J.) Region
Shenandoah 6, Kean 4, 10 innings
Shenandoah 4, Kean 1, Shenandoah advances
Whitewater (Wis.) Region
North Central 14, Webster 9
Webster 9, North Central (Ill.) 2, Webster advances
Wooster (Ohio) Region
Wooster 9, Case Western 3, Wooster advances

College lacrosse

Division I tournament

Quarterfinals
Saturday, May 18
At James M. Shuart Stadium
Hempstead, N.Y.
Virginia 13, Maryland 12, OT
Duke 14, Notre Dame 13, OT

Sunday, May 19
At Rentschler Field
East Hartford, Conn.
Penn State 21, Loyola (Md.) 14
Yale 15, Pennsylvania 18, OT
At Lincoln Financial Field
Philadelphia
Semifinals
Saturday, May 25
Virginia (15-3) vs. Duke (13-4)
Penn State (15-1) vs. Yale (14-3)

Championship
Monday, May 27
Semifinal winners

Pro soccer

MLS

Eastern Conference	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	3	3	3	23	12	12
D.C. United	7	4	3	24	18	13
Montreal	6	5	3	21	15	19
Portland	5	5	3	18	18	18
New York City FC	4	4	6	18	15	12
San Jose	5	5	2	17	18	14
Toronto FC	5	5	2	17	22	20
Columbus	5	5	2	17	22	20
Chicago	4	5	4	16	20	17
Orlando City	4	6	3	15	19	20
New England	4	6	3	15	14	14
Cincinnati	4	6	1	11	11	23

Western Conference	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	7	1	5	26	22	14
Seattle	7	1	5	26	22	14
San Diego	7	2	23	22	10	17
LA Galaxy	7	5	1	22	18	17
Minnesota United	5	5	3	18	20	18
FC Dallas	5	5	3	18	17	14
Real Salt Lake	5	6	1	16	18	20
Real Jose	5	6	1	16	18	20
Vancouver	3	6	4	13	12	16
Portland	3	6	2	11	14	22
Sporting KC	2	4	5	11	20	20
Colorado	2	6	2	8	17	30

Wednesday, May 15
D.C. United 0, Toronto FC 0, tie
Portland 1, Houston 1, tie
Atlanta 1, Vancouver 0
Seattle 2, Orlando City 1

Thursday, May 16
Los Angeles FC 3, FC Dallas 0
Portland 1, Houston 1, tie
New England 0, Montreal 0, tie
Real Salt Lake 3, Toronto FC 0
San Jose 4, Chicago 1
Portland 1, Houston 1, tie
Minnesota United 1, Columbus 0
Toronto 2, D.C. United 0
Vancouver 1, Sporting Kansas City 1, tie

Sunday's games
Orlando City 5, Cincinnati 1
New York 15, Atlanta 2
Los Angeles FC 1, FC Dallas 1, tie
Colorado 1, LA Galaxy 0
Wednesday's games
LA Galaxy at Orlando City
Atlanta at Real Salt Lake
Montreal at Los Angeles FC
Friday's games
New York City FC at Chicago FC
Dallas at Vancouver
Houston at New England
New York at Cincinnati
Portland at Philadelphia
Houston at Minnesota United
Columbus at Colorado
Sunday, May 26
Seattle at Sporting Kansas City
San Jose at Toronto

Sunday
Rapid 1, Galaxy 0
Colorado 0, Portland 0
Second half—1, Colorado, Shinyski, 2, 62nd minute.
Goals—Colorado, Tim Howard, Clint Irwin, Angeles, David Birmingham, Matt Lampton.
Yellow Cards—Colorado, Lewis, 38th; Los Angeles, Corona, 34th; Portland, Alvarez, 90th.
A—19,015.

Los Angeles FC 1, Dallas FC 1
Los Angeles FC 0-1
Dallas 0-1
First half—1, Dallas, Hollingshead, 2 (Baldwin), 29th minute.
Second half—2, Los Angeles FC, Vela, 14 (penalty kick), 80th.

Tennis

Nuremberg Cup
Sunday
Tennis-City 1, FC Nuremberg 6
Nuremberg, Germany
Surface: Red Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Madison Breglio, United States, def. Evgeniya Rodina (7), Russia, 7-6 (3), 6-3
Yulia Putintseva (1), Kazakhstan, def. Dalila Jakupovic, Slovenia, 6-2, 3-0, re-fore
Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, def. Vera Lapko, Russia, 7-6 (9), 3-1, retired.
Doubles
First Round
Mona Barthel and Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, def. Alena Fomina, Italy, and Prarthana Thombare, India, 1-6, 6-4.
Guaracha, Chile, and Sabrina Santambrogio, United States, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, and Johanna Larsson (4), Sweden, 6-3, 7-5.

Strasbourg International
Sunday
Tennis-City of Strasbourg
Strasbourg, France
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Wang Qiang (3), China, def. Jennifer Brady, United States, 6-4, 6-1
Flavia Pennetta, France, def. Luksika Kumkhum, Thailand, 6-3, 6-2
Rebecca Petersen, def. Magda Linette, Poland, 6-7 (0), 6-1, 6-3
Aryna Sabalenka (2), Belarus, def. Zhu

Goalsies—Los Angeles FC, Tyler Miller, Pablo Sainza; Dallas, Jesus Gonzalez, Kyle Zubeck.
Yellow Cards—Los Angeles FC, Nguyen-65th; Miller, 89th; Dallas, Acosta, 17th, Bressan, 34th; Ziegler, 46th; Hollingshead, 82nd.
Red Cards—Dallas, Hedges, 49th.
A—15,135.

Red Bulls 1, Atlanta United 0
Atlanta 0-0
New York 0-1
Second half—1, New York, Beal, 11 (Royer), 65th minute.
Goalsies—Atlanta, Brad Guzan, Alec Kann; New York, Luis Robles, Ryan Mearns.
Yellow Cards—Atlanta, Parker, 84th.
Red Cards—New York, Espar, 35th.
A—16,605.

Orlando City 5, FC Cincinnati 1
FC Cincinnati 0-1
Orlando City 5-1
First half—1, FC Cincinnati, Mattokos, 2 (Alexander), 24th minute; 2, Orlando, Akindele, 3 (Johnson), 37th.
Second half—3, Orlando, Nani, 6, 50th; Orlando, Nani, 4, 64th; 6, Orlando, Dwyer, 4, 82nd.
Goalsies—FC Cincinnati, Spencer Rich, 27th minute; Tyler Orlando, Brian Rowe, Greg Ransburg, 39th.
43rd; Mendez, 45th; Dwyer, 74th; FC Cincinnati, Powell, 45th; Willis, 71st; Amaya, 75th; Ledesma, 87th.
A—22,341.

MLS leaders
Through Sunday, May 19
Goals
Carlos Vela, LAFC 14
Zlatan Ibrahimovic, LAFC 14
New York 10
Atlanta 10
LA Galaxy 10
Orlando City 10
Portland 10
New York City FC 10
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AUTO RACING/HIGH SCHOOL

Alonso bumped at Indy

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Fernando Alonso and McLaren missed the Indianapolis 500 after a 23-year-old American in a rebuilt race car for an underfunded team snagged the final spot in the field.

Kyle Kaiser bumped Alonso out of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" by .02 mph in the "Last Row Shootout" to set the 33-driver field. All the attention was on McLaren, which leaned on Andretti Autosport, Team Penske, Chevrolet and anyone who would help in an effort to get the two-time Formula One champion into the race.

Alonso made his final qualifying attempt Sunday on a cold track for an undermatched McLaren group and only had to beat three other drivers to make the race. It seemed he had enough until Sage Karam jumped to the top of the running order and Alonso fell to the bubble.

Max Chilton and Patrick O'Ward were both eliminated, and that left only Kaiser to keep the Spaniard out of the race.

Nothing to worry about, right?

Kaiser turned four nearly flawless laps to claim that final spot. Alonso, swarmed by fans and media as he tried to watch Kaiser's qualifying lap, saw the final speed, hopped on a waiting golf cart and was driven away.

"I don't think I can wrap my mind around what we just did," Kaiser said.

Karam and James Hinchcliffe, who crashed in Saturday qualifying and needed a backup, took the other two qualifying spots.

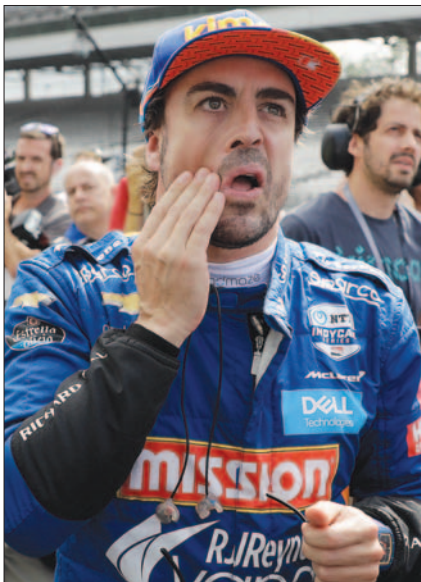
Simon Pagenaud put Roger Penske back on the pole for the 66th IndyCar pole. "And then to come out here and win the pole? We've got great momentum."

Pagenaud traded high-fives and pumped his fist along pit row after earning the first Indy pole by a French driver in a century. He had a four-lap qualifying average of 229.992 mph to edge Ed Carpenter and Spencer Pigot and give Chevrolet a clean sweep of the front row for next Sunday's race.

"Watching him run in that road race, in the water, I've never seen a run like that in my life," Penske said after the team captured its 266th IndyCar pole. "And then to come out here and win the pole? We've got great momentum."

The timing couldn't be better for Pagenaud, either.

With his contract expiring at the end of this season and questions lingering about his future, the 2016 series champ has thrived this month on IndyCar's biggest stage.



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Fernando Alonso looks at his posted speed after his qualification attempt for the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday. Alonso failed to make the field for next Sunday's race.

He won the IndyCar Grand Prix for his first trip to victory lane since the 2017 season finale at Sonoma. He earned his first pole since July 2017 at Toronto.

On Sunday, Pagenaud was the only driver in the nine-car pole shootout to top 230 on three of the four laps. He knocked a three-time Indy pole winner out of the top spot.

Carpenter wound up second with an average of 229.889. Pigot, who also drives for Ed Carpenter Racing, will start third at 229.826.

Teammates Will Power, the defending race winner, and Josef Newgarden, the 2017 IndyCar champ, didn't record a single lap on the 2.5-mile oval over 229. Three-time Indy winner Helio Castroneves didn't even make the shootout.

Rookie Colton Herta was the top Honda-powered driver at fifth with a speed of 229.086. The American drives for Harding Steinbrenner Racing.

Sebastien Bourdais, also from France, was seventh at 228.621 and Alexander Rossi, the 2016 Indy winner, was ninth at 228.207. Bourdais drives for Dale Coyne with Vasser-Sullivan. Rossi is the only Andretti Autosport driver to make the first three rows in the 33-car field.

Juncos Racing had everything stacked against it this week. The team lost both its primary sponsors right before Tuesday's opening day but Kasper still managed to find decent speed. Then he crashed in Friday practice and destroyed the Juncos car. The team worked overnight to have a backup prepared in time for the

start of Saturday qualifying, but Kaiser found himself in the bottom six and had to shoot it out Sunday for his spot.

The Juncos plight was compelling, but dwarfed by the McLaren odyssey.

McLaren last raced in the Indy 500 in the 1970s but is back this season to both help Alonso complete his quest to win motorsports' version of the Triple Crown and as a feeder for a potential full-time IndyCar team. But the entire process has been a disaster from opening day because of electrical issues, an Alonso accident, a lengthy delay in rebuilding him a car, a tire puncture on his first qualifying attempt, and, finally, a car too difficult to handle for Alonso to qualify in the top 30 on Saturday.

McLaren head Zak Brown acknowledged the stress after the team tried a completely different setup in Sunday morning practice. But McLaren was about 10 minutes late getting on track, the rear of the car dragged and sparked and had to return to the pits after one lap.

The team got a total of six laps in before rain shortened practice, and McLaren spent a lengthy delay negotiating for parts from Andretti and advice over from Penske and Chevrolet. Alonso was presented with a setup he had never felt when it was his turn to make his qualifying attempt, and it was his smoothest run of the week.

It just wasn't fast enough. "I think the car felt better but obviously it had no practice," Alonso said. "It is not enough. It is just the way it is. We tried our best."

K-Town wins opener

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

Not much was decided as the DODEA Europe boys soccer tournaments opened Monday in the Kaiserslautern Military Community, leaving plenty of elimination-round berths still available as preliminary play continues.

Division I

Kaiserslautern 1, Lakenheath 0: The lower-seeded but highly confident two-time defending champions opened with a close victory.

Giannis Dones scored the match's only goal midway through the first half to give the Raiders an early advantage they'd maintain for the balance of the game.

Kaiserslautern head coach Enrique John said his team has brushed off all of the reasons for it not to succeed this year, from the team's relative inexperience to its middling sixth seed in the nine-team bracket.

"We have a young team, but that's not an excuse. Nobody cares if you have a young team or not," John said. "We're here, defending champions, and we're going to fight until the very end."

Elsewhere in the pool, the third-seeded Ramstein Royals defeated ninth-seeded Vicenza 1-0 in the morning and second-seeded Wiesbaden 3-2 in the afternoon.

SHAPE 2, Stuttgart 0: The

Spartans locked in on defense to knock off the 2018 runner-up.

Junior defender Batuhan Usta made a pair of key saves to aid goalkeeper Mihkel Kokka in preserving a clean sheet.

Teammates Sverre Loso and Alvaro Acebal scored a goal apiece for the fourth-seeded Spartans. SHAPE kept up its two-way excellence later Monday with a 4-0 defeat of Vilseck.

Division II

Florence 3, Black Forest 2: The bracket's bottom seed recorded the first big upset of the postseason, holding off a late rally to edge the No. 2 seed.

Third-seeded AFWORTH defeated sixth-seeded Rota 3-2 in its only opening-day match. Black Forest avoided disaster with a late 5-1 win over Rota.

Aviano 1, American Overseas School of Rome 1: The outcome was a stark reversal from the teams' regular-season meeting, a decisive 4-0 AORS victory on March 22.

Division III

Spangdahlem 4, Hohenfels 3: The last match of the day was also the only close match. The Sentinels won 4-2 on penalty kicks.

The other six games on the first day of the seven-team, round-robin tournament were decided by a margin of at least two goals.

Naples girls get shutout

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

Problematic first-day matchups applied immediate pressure to favored large-school teams in the DODEA Europe girls soccer tournaments, which opened Monday.

Division I

Naples 7, Vilseck 0: The third-seeded Wildcats flashed championship-level offense and defense in a thorough dismantling of the seventh-seeded Falcons.

"We started out with a lot of nerves but we were able to calm it down," Naples midfielder Abigail Houseworth said. "We were able to move the ball around a lot and focus on perfecting our different formations."

Nobody moved the ball as efficiently as Houseworth, who finished with three assists along with a goal of her own. Sophomore striker Roxanne Sasse scored four goals for Naples, which was focused on scoring as many goals as possible in the event its difficult five-team pool is settled by a goal-differential tiebreaker.

"We need all the points that we can get," Houseworth said.

That concern turned out to be well-founded. Naples played second-seeded Wiesbaden to a 3-3 tie later Monday.

The eighth-seeded Kaiserslautern Raiders tangled up the opposition's leadership, dragging a pair of higher-seeded opponents

into 2-2 ties.

Kaiserslautern's first victim was the top-seeded defending champion Stuttgart Panthers.

The fourth-seeded SHAPE Spartans suffered a similar fate in a 2-2 afternoon tie with the resilient Raiders.

Division II

Black Forest 8, Bahrain 1: At least four of the division's five Monday matchups was decided by at least three goals, and all in favor of the higher seeds. Fourth-seeded Marymount kept pace with a 4-0 rout of American Overseas School of Rome.

In the other pool, second-seeded Rota and third-seeded Aviano won their openers 3-0 over AFWORTH and Florence.

Division III

Spangdahlem 1, Sigonella 0: Sentinel freshman Chesney Tieyah scored a last-minute goal to decide a morning battle between two of the tournament's top contenders.

Tieyah ran down a ball on the right wing and lashed the game-winning ball into the net, just ahead of a tackle by a fast-closing Sigonella defender and just over the hands of the well-positioned Jaguar goalkeeper.

Spangdahlem completed an unbeaten Monday with a 3-1 defeat of Brussels, while Sigonella bounced back with a 1-0 shootout victory over Baumholder.

HIGH SCHOOL: FAR EAST SOCCER



MARY OHSUNA/Special to Stars and Stripes

After spending much of the spring recovering from an ankle fracture, senior Kian Smith hopes to help the Kadena's boys soccer team regain the Far East Division I title they lost to Kubasaki in last year's championship match.

Kadena confident with Smith's return

Senior striker puts Panthers in position to challenge archrival D-I champion Kubasaki

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Kian Smith could not have felt worse about a victory.

The senior striker and his Kadena Panthers teammates had just beaten host Perry 2-1 to take fifth place in the Perry Cup tournament on March 23.

But Smith watched most of the second half on the bench, nursing an ankle fracture that would sideline him for 1½ months — and almost cost him a chance to play in the Far East Division I tournament to close out his high school career.

"Very frustrating. It was a long six weeks," Smith said. "The hardest part was watching my teammates and not being able to help them."

Fast forward to last Saturday, when Smith, back to nearly 100 percent, scored four times, giving him 13 on the season, as the Panthers downed Kaiho, a Japanese team, 5-2. It was Smith's first time playing a full match since the injury.

"I feel fine," Smith said, adding that he wears a brace and applies Icy Hot to the ankle before practices and matches. "I

don't feel 100 percent when I'm sprinting, but it's good enough."

Good enough, he says, that maybe he and his Panthers can reclaim what they won in 2017 but lost last year in the D-I finals to archrival Kubasaki.

"I'm very confident that we'll win it this year," Smith said.

Host Kadena is one of the four teams playing in the D-I tournament, which begins Wednesday with 10 matches lasting through Friday, a round-robin and single-elimination tournament.

The Division II tournament at Perry features nine teams, with pool play starting Wednesday and a single-elimination tournament to follow.

Defending champion Kubasaki is entering the D-I tournament not knowing what to expect, according to Dragons coach Chris Eastman.

"We don't see any favorites," Eastman said. "And it's going to be brutally hot. It'll make for a rough three days of soccer."

It makes no difference who plays whom and when, Dragons senior Jeff Horton said. "Any one of these teams can beat us," he said. "We have to go 100 percent."

Perry was tabbed as the D-II host in late

April and was able to come up with billetting and referees at the last minute, "otherwise it might not have happened," Samurai coach Manny Lange said.

Perry is the last DODEA team to win the tournament, three years ago, and Lange said that while the field is much closer than it's been since 2016, the road to the title still goes through two-time defending champion Christian Academy Japan.

"I think they could go Division I and compete," Lange said.

CAJ is packed with underclassmen. "But we are a bunch of young guys working together. Got some stars in the making, though," coach Keesh Kawaguchi said.

Lange said that Yokota, second place the past three years "can't be counted out," that Osan, winner of its Korea Plate Tournament, and that Edgren, which played tough in the Perry Cup, "can be a good team."

Winning the Korea Plate title was a "big confidence booster," Cougars junior Joey Betts said. "We feel we have as big a shot as anybody" to win the D-II title. "Any team can beat any team on any given day."

Lange agrees, saying the D-II tournament is "wide open. It should be exciting."

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Red Devils focused on redemption

By DAVE ORNAUER
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Going unbeaten and capturing the DODEA Japan tournament and Kanto Plain regular-season titles were hardly the only goals of Kinnick's girls soccer team, coach Nico Hindie said.

The Far East Division I tournament is this week, and the championship in last year's Far East was what got the Red Devils started on the path they've taken this year.

Kinnick lost last year's D-I final 5-3 to American School In Japan but outscored the Mustangs 3-2 in the second half.

"The finish of last year's season was pretty disappointing. We felt we could have done better," Hindie said. "But in the second half of the final, the girls got a taste of what we could do."

Hindie and his coaching staff worked the Red Devils harder during early practices and over the course of the season. The result: A 16-0-2 record, including an

8-3 rout of the Mustangs at ASIJ on May 3.

"The girls came out really motivated this year," Hindie said. "They've come together as a team."

Now, it's a question of whether Kinnick can regain the D-I title, which they won in 2017 on their home turf at Yokosuka Naval Base. The tournament returns there this week, with the five teams in a combined round-robin and single-elimination format.

The Division II tournament is being hosted by Edgren at Misawa Air Base. The 10 teams will start with pool play, followed by single elimination.

There's every chance the Mustangs and Red Devils could square off again for the D-I title, as they have the past two years. Still, they'll likely face ASIJ at least once more, along with Kadena, which finished third a year ago and has four players with 12 or more goals, including senior Megan Kirby with a Pacific-best 30, and junior midfielder Reina

Callahan.

"We're aware of the talent that the other teams bring," said Kinnick sophomore striker Maggie Donnelly, who has 28 goals.

One team new to the D-I field is Humphreys, which replaces Seoul American. Coach Jonathan Brooks used to coach the Falcons, now helms the Blackhawks, and says it may take a season or so for Humphreys to get used to the jump in competitive level.

"I don't think we've seen anything at that level yet," Brooks said. "We'll benefit from this in future seasons."

The Falcons, with sophomore transfer Mya Rolison (17 goals), move to Division II, where the championship could be up for grabs, according to coaches. Zama could have a nose in front of the field, with its sophomore striker Kayesha McNeill (27 goals) and senior playmaker Siobhan Grabski (13 goals, 12 assists) in the lineup.

But they may have their hands full with defending champion Yo-



WILLIAM TAKAHASHI/Special to Stars and Stripes

Maggie Donnelly, left, paces Kinnick's girls team with 28 goals entering the Far East Division I tournament. Midori Robinson (15) and the Zama American's girls team are vying for their first Far East title since winning Division I in 2009.

kota and senior striker Caleigh Garcia (26 goals), and Perry and senior forward Micayla Feltner (29 goals).

"Those two teams are always

difficult, Yokota has its dynasty going," said coach Manny Duarte of the Trojans, who have not won a Far East title since 2009.

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Red Sox top streaking Astros

Chavis' homer, Bogaerts' double help Boston avoid series sweep

By KEN POWTAK
Associated Press

BOSTON — Michael Chavis pointed to a young boy in the press box, letting him know how impressed he was that a 5-year-old announced his name so well.

Boston's rookie sparkplug then stepped to the plate and gave the kid something extra to be excited about.

Chavis homered on the next pitch after acknowledging the boy, Xander Bogaerts hit a tie-breaking double in the seventh inning and the Red Sox averted a series sweep against Houston with a 4-3 victory Sunday that snapped the Astros' 10-game winning streak.

"I heard a kid's voice and I looked up and I was so surprised," Chavis said after hitting his eighth homer in 25 major league games. "I was impressed how confident he was. When I was a kid, I don't think I would have even done it. Right before I got in the box, I thought I should say good job."

For an inning on Sundays, the Red Sox have kids announce players' names as they walk up to the plate.

Mookie Betts scored three runs for Boston, which lost the first two games in the first meeting with the Astros since beating them in the 2018 AL Champion-

ship Series.

Carlos Correa hit a two-run homer off Chris Sale for Houston, which is 13-4 in May.

"They played better today, they outhit us, but our at-bats against Sale were good," Astros manager AJ Hinch said. "We'll see him again in five days."

Houston outfielder George Springer, who began the day leading the American League with 17 homers, exited in the fifth with lower back stiffness. He took three big swings in the first inning, striking out. On the last two, Springer appeared to reach briefly for the lower right side of his back. He also struck out swinging his next two times up against Sale.

"My back stiffened up," Springer said. "Not necessarily ideal. We'll see what happens. Hopefully, I'll feel better (Monday)."

Hinch said Springer will be re-evaluated in Houston and won't play Monday night.

In the seventh, Bogaerts' double off Framber Valdez (1-2) to deep left-center scored Betts scored from first base.

Sale struck out 10 in 5½ innings, giving up three runs and four hits with five walks. In his previous start, he became the first major league pitcher to strike out 17 batters in seven innings.

"It was kind of a weird day," he

said. "I was kind of all over the place."

Marcus Walden (6-0) escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam and tossed 1½ scoreless innings of relief. Brandon Workman got three outs for his first career save.

Trailing 3-1 in the fifth, the Red Sox scored twice with two outs against Wade Miley. Chavis homered over the Green Monster. Betts then doubled and scored on Bogaerts' single, a pop fly that dropped in shallow right field after second baseman Yuli Gurriel drifted out for it and got twisted around.

Correa drove a 94 mph fastball an estimated 448 feet into the center field bleachers, making it 3-1 in the third.

Miley gave up three runs in five innings.

Chavis batted leadoff for the first time, going 2-for-4.

"Just watching the other side, why not?" Red Sox manager Alex Cora said in reference to Springer, the Astros' leadoff hitter. "Swing hard and hit it out of the ballpark. We'll see what happens."

The move gave Boston six right-handed batters at the top of the order against Miley, a lefty.

Asked if he was excited after the game, Chavis said: "Yeah, of course. That probably means I'm going to get more at-bats. It's awesome."



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

The Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts signals towards his dugout after his RBI double against the Houston Astros during the seventh inning of Sunday's game at Fenway Park in Boston. The Red Sox won 4-3.

Roundup

Cubs hold on to win after Cishek closes out Nationals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Chicago Cubs had watched most of their five-run lead against the Washington Nationals dissipate by the time Steve Cishek entered Sunday night's game in the seventh inning.

Cishek closed it out, pitching 2½ scoreless innings for his fourth save as the Cubs held on for a 6-5 win.

Chicago led 6-1 before Washington closed to within one on a three-run homer by Anthony Rendon in the sixth inning and a solo home run by Howie Kendrick in the seventh.

Cishek retired Rendon with a man on to end the seventh and allowed a single in the eighth before a 1-2-3 ninth. That all came after the reliever spoke with pitching coach Tommy Hotovy, who told Cishek they might need him to throw a couple of innings.

"Jokingly, I told him (I could go) four innings," Cishek said after his longest outing since May 2012. "Good thing that didn't happen."

Anthony Rizzo homered and Albert Almora Jr. had three hits for the Cubs, who took two of three from the Nationals and improved to 10-1-1 in their past 12 series.

Yankees 13, Rays 5: Brett Gardner homered early, then got two hits during a seven-run burst in the sixth inning fueled by five walks that sent host New York past Tampa Bay.

Phillies 7, Rockies 5: Bryce Harper homered for the second straight day and pinch-hitter J.T. Realmuto also went deep to help Philadelphia complete a three-



Nick Wass/AP

Chicago relief pitcher Steve Cishek delivers a pitch during the eighth inning of Sunday's game against the Nationals in Washington. The Cubs won 6-5.

game sweep of visiting Colorado.

Marlins 3, Mets 0: Sandy Alcantara threw a two-hitter in a pitching duel with Noah Syndergaard, and Miami beat visiting New York to finish a three-game sweep.

Brewers 3, Braves 2 (10): Ben Gamel led off the 10th inning with a home run that lifted visiting Milwaukee over Atlanta.

All five runs in the game came on homers.

Dodgers 8, Reds 3: Hyun-Jin Ryu

threw seven shutout innings to extend his major league-leading streak to 31, and Cody Bellinger hit his 17th homer as Los Angeles defeated host Cincinnati.

Indians, 10, Orioles 0: Shane Bieber struck out a career-high 15 in his first major league complete game and Cleveland routed visiting Baltimore.

Blue Jays 5, White Sox 2: Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit another home run, Danny Jansen and Billy McKinney also connected and Toronto beat host Chicago.

Rangers 5, Cardinals 4 (10): Nomar Mazara hit a sacrifice fly off reliever Carlos Martinez to cap a two-run rally in the 10th inning that lifted Texas over visiting St. Louis.

Royals 5, Angels 1: At Anaheim, Calif., Danny Duffy won his third straight start and Kansas City beat Los Angeles to stop a four-game skid.

Mariners 7, Twins 4: Edwin Encarnacion made several nice plays at first base early in the game, then hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning to help host Seattle snap Minnesota's five-game winning streak.

Giants 3, Diamondbacks 2 (10): Pablo Sandoval opened the 10th inning with a pinch-hit homer after shortstop Brandon Crawford made a game-saving stop in the ninth, sending visiting San Francisco past Arizona.

Pirates 6, Padres 4: Colin Moran hit a three-run homer and finished with four RBIs, and Joe Musgrove beat his hometown Padres for the second time in two seasons as Pittsburgh won to take three of four from host San Diego.

NHL PLAYOFFS/PGA CHAMPIONSHIP



The Blues' Vladimir Tarasenko has his shot blocked by Sharks goaltender Martin Jones in the second period of Game 5 of the Western Conference finals on Sunday. Tarasenko had a goal and two assists.

Blues on brink of Cup final

Schwartz, Tarasenko lead St. Louis' rout of San Jose in Game 5

By JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — From last in the league in early January all the way to the brink of their first Stanley Cup Final in nearly a half-century, it has been quite a ride for the St. Louis Blues.

A remarkable turnaround continued Sunday with perhaps their most convincing win of a churned playoff final.

Jaden Schwartz started a dominant second period with the first of his three goals, Vladimir Tarasenko scored on a penalty shot and the Blues moved within one win of the Cup final with a 5-0 victory over the San Jose Sharks in Game 5 of the Western Conference final.

"It's probably tough to put into words," Schwartz said. "It's something that everyone's worked for and dreamed about. You don't want to look too far ahead. We all know how important and how hard that last win's going to be. It would be a dream come true."

St. Louis used a relentless forecheck to take control of the game and series in the second period, scoring twice and outshooting the beleaguered Sharks 20-6 during the frame. It also got 21 saves from Jordan Binnington in his first playoff shutout and a first-period goal from Oskar Sundqvist to overwhelm the Sharks.

Schwartz added two goals in the third for his second hat trick this postseason, becoming the first player with two in one playoff run since Johan Franzen for Detroit in 2008.

The victory gave the Blues a 3-2 series lead, the closest they've been to making the final since getting there in their first three seasons as the winner of the all-expansion Western Conference. St. Louis can earn its first trip back to the final since 1970 with a win at home in Game 6 on Tues-

day night, an improbable journey for a team that was last in the standings on Jan. 2.

"We're close. We're very close right now," forward Patrick Maroon said. "I think the guys know that. It's in the back of their heads, but we know that that's a good hockey team over there too and they're not going to give up."

Martin Jones made 35 saves for the Sharks but got little help from his teammates, who have been held to one goal in losing the past two games. San Jose now faces elimination for the third straight series, having overcome a 3-1 series deficit to Vegas in the first round and winning a Game 7 at home in the second round against Colorado.

"We've been here before," coach Peter DeBoer said. "Had to go on the road and win in Vegas in order to get to a Game 7. You're never comfortable when your back's against the wall like that, but we have been here before and found a way and I'm confident we can do that again."

San Jose got off to a spirited start in the rare afternoon contest that led to a more subdued crowd than usual at the Shark Tank. Evander Kane hit the post just 12 seconds into the game and the Sharks had the better of the play in the opening 20 minutes despite falling behind 1-0 when Sundqvist converted a turnover from a hobbled Erik Karlsson into a goal less than six minutes into the contest.

Karlsson has been hampered by a groin injury that sidelined him for 27 of the final 33 games in the regular season and has been extremely limited since the third period of Game 4. He tried to make a quick outlet under pressure but his pass went through teammate Brenden Dillon's skates, off the boards and right to Sundqvist, who beat Jones to give the Blues their fourth goal of the

series from the fourth line.

The Blues then took over in the second period, putting 11 shots on goal in less than five minutes. They added to the lead when Tarasenko's shot was partially blocked. Jones then swept it away but it went right to Schwartz, who knocked it into the open net.

Schwartz added the two goals in the third, giving him 12 in the playoffs after scoring just 11 in 69 regular-season games.

"It was an off-year obviously for him in the regular season," coach Craig Berube said. "But the guy keeps working hard. He's not going to change his attitude. He keeps with it, he keeps working and it's paying off now."

NHL scoreboard

Conference finals

(Best-of-seven; x if necessary)
Eastern Conference
Boston 4, Carolina 0

St. Louis 5, San Jose 2
Boston 6, Carolina 2

Western Conference
St. Louis 5, San Jose 2

San Jose 6, St. Louis 3
St. Louis 4, San Jose 1

San Jose 5, St. Louis 4, OT
St. Louis 2, San Jose 1

Sunday at St. Louis, AFN Sports, 2 a.m. Wednesday CET, 9 a.m. Wednesday JKT

x-Thursday at St. Louis, AFN Sports, 2 a.m. Friday CET, 10 a.m. Friday JKT

Sunday
Blues 5, Sharks 0

St. Louis 5, San Jose 0

First Period—1, St. Louis, Sundqvist 4, 5:50

Second Period—2, St. Louis, Schwartz 1, 10:25; 3, St. Louis, Tarasenko 7, 6:53

Third Period—4, St. Louis, Schwartz 11 (Tarasenko, Perron), 2:19 (pp.), 5, St. Louis, Schwartz 12 (Gehrm, Tarasenko), 16:02

Shots on Goal—St. Louis 4-20 16-40; San Jose 11-6-4-21

Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 1 of 8; San Jose 0 of 2

Goalies—St. Louis, Binnington 17 (21 shots-21 saves); San Jose, Jones 3-8 (40-35)

A—17,562 (17,562), T—2,30.

Victory: Koepka holds off late charge from Johnson

FROM BACK PAGE

Koepka said at the start of the week that majors are sometimes the easiest to win.

This one should have been. It wasn't.

His seven-shot lead was down to one with four holes to play and the No. 1 player in the world—Dustin Johnson, his best friend in golf—was picking between the best round of a final day in 25 mph gusts that made Bethpage Black as fearsome as ever.

Koepka answered with all the right shots. Johnson faded with two bogeys. Koepka closed with a 4-over 74, the highest final round by a PGA champion in 15 years, and he didn't care how it looked.

His place in history was secure. He joined Tiger Woods as the only players to win back-to-back in the PGA Championship since it switched to stroke play in 1958. He became the only player to hold back-to-back titles in two majors at the same time.

Four years ago, he had one PGA Tour title in his first full season as a full member. Now he has four majors out of the last eight he has played, a stretch not seen since Woods won seven out of 11 after capturing the 2002 U.S. Open at Bethpage Black.

Woods twice won back to back in the PGA Championship, with tight battles in 1999 and 2000, comfortable wins in 2006 and 2007. Koepka was starting to draw comparisons with Woods for the way he obliterated the competition at Bethpage Black, much like Woods used to do.

In the end, there were no style points, only the trophy.

But that trophy spoke volumes.

Even Louis was the gallery, and it wasn't always pretty. Koepka had a six-shot lead when he walked off the 11th fairway. When he walked up to the green on the par-3 14th, with his ball over the green and Koepka headed for a fourth straight birdie, the chants jarred him.

They weren't for him.

"DJ'DJ'DJ!" the cheers rained down for Johnson, who was on his way to another birdie up ahead on the 15th hole to pull within one shot. Koepka says he was more shocked that he was nervous, but he heard them.

"It's New York. What do you expect when you're half-choking it away," he said. "I think I kind of deserved it. I've been to sporting events in New York. I know how it goes. I think it actually helped. It was at a perfect time because I was just thinking: 'OK, I've got everybody against me. Let's go.'"

No sooner was the PGA Championship over than Koepka was installed as a 5-1 favorite to win the U.S. Open.

No one has won three straight U.S. Open titles since Willie Anderson in 1905. That might be all the motivation Koepka needs.



Julio Cortez/AP
Harold Varner III — the 174th-ranked player in the world — shot an 11-over 81 to go from sole possession of second place to finishing tied for 36th with a 6-over score on Sunday.

Scoreboard

PGA Championship

Sunday

At Bethpage black

Farmingdale, N.Y.

Purse: \$11 million

Yardage: 7,459; Par: 70

Final Round	Score
B. Koepka, \$1,980,000	69-67-69-74=272 -8
D. Johnson, \$1,188,000	69-67-69-69-271 -9
F. Cantlay, \$575,500	70-68-71-278 -2
J. Spieth, \$575,500	69-66-72-71=276 -2
M. Wallace, \$575,500	69-67-70-72=276 -2
Luke List, \$380,000	68-68-69-74=279 -1
Sung Kang, \$343,650	68-70-70-72=280
Matt Kuchar, \$264,395	72-72-69=281 +1
Shane Lowry, \$264,395	75-69-68-69=281 +1
Rory McIlroy, \$264,395	72-71-69=281 +1
E. van Rooyen, \$264,395	70-68-70=281 +1
G. Woodland, \$264,395	70-70-73=281 +1
M. Brex, \$191,665	70-69-76=282 +2
Cheer Reeve, \$191,665	68-71-71-72=282 +2
A. Ancer, \$143,100	73-70-69=283 +3
Emiliano Grillo, \$91,000	76-67-70=284 +4
Billy Horschel, \$91,000	72-71-71=284 +4
R. Stedinger, \$91,000	70-71-70=284 +4
Jason Day, \$91,000	69-74-69=284 +4
Scott Parel, \$91,000	70-71-73=284 +4
Jimmy Walker, \$91,000	70-71-73=284 +4
D. Bradley, \$65,000	70-73-72=285 +5
Sam Burns, \$65,000	72-70-69=285 +5
Paul Casey, \$65,000	70-73-72=285 +5
Adam Hadwin, \$65,000	72-70-73=285 +5
G. McQuinn, \$65,000	72-70-73=285 +5
Justin Rose, \$65,000	70-67-73=285 +5
Webb Siewier, \$65,000	72-69-72=285 +5
Rickie Fowler, \$48,200	69-69-71=286 +6
Beau Hossler, \$48,200	72-69-71=286 +6
Danny Lee, \$48,200	74-74-71=286 +6
Haotong Li, \$48,200	73-69-70=286 +6
D. Van der Zand, \$48,200	71-67-67=286 +6
K. Ashburn, \$36,036	76-68-68=287 +7
W. Hoge, \$36,036	75-68-67=287 +7
C. Howell III, \$36,036	70-67-73=287 +7
Adam Long, \$36,036	73-70-69=287 +7
Scott Pierce, \$36,036	71-70-67=287 +7
D. Wilett, \$36,036	71-70-67=287 +7
B. Burgon, \$26,250	73-66-74=288 +8
T. Fleetwood, \$26,250	67-71-72=288 +8
Y. Hironaka, \$26,250	72-69-73=288 +8
Kelly Kraft, \$26,250	71-65=288 +8
F. Molinari, \$26,250	72-69-73=288 +8
H. Stenson, \$26,250	74-68-71=288 +8
C. Champ, \$22,850	72-71-73=289 +9
Justin Harding, \$22,850	74-70-73=289 +9
Lucas Herbert, \$22,850	72-71-73=289 +9
Zach Johnson, \$22,850	71-69-73=289 +9
Alex Noren, \$22,850	73-69-73=289 +9
Pat Perez, \$22,850	72-71-73=289 +9
Ross Fisher, \$21,300	74-67-71=290 +10
Rob Labritz, \$21,300	75-69=290 +10
L. Oosthuizen, \$21,300	70-68-73=290 +10
I. Poulter, \$21,300	72-71-73=290 +10
Corey Conner, \$20,300	72-72-76=291 +11
Tony Finau, \$20,300	73-70-69=291 +11
Pat Reid, \$20,300	71-71-73=291 +11
Kurt Kitayama, \$20,300	74-68-71=291 +11
Tommy Fleetwood, \$20,300	75-69=291 +11
Thorbjorn, \$20,300	70-70-71=291 +11
S. Smith, \$20,300	72-71-73=291 +11
C. McCrory, \$19,250	70-66-78=292 +12
R. Chreba, \$19,250	75-69-74=292 +12
Tommy Fleetwood, \$19,250	74-70-71=292 +12
Lucas Herbert, \$19,250	74-70-73=292 +12
W. Hoge, \$19,250	72-71-73=292 +12
Phil Mickelson, \$19,250	69-71-76=292 +12
Kevin Tway, \$18,900	73-70-74=293 +13
Adam Scott, \$18,900	74-70-74=293 +13
A. Putnam, \$18,900	74-70=294 +14
D. Beem, \$18,900	74-70=294 +14
Ryan Vermeer, \$18,900	74-70=294 +14
Marty Jertson, \$18,400	72-69-79=299 +19

SPORTS BRIEFS/NBA PLAYOFFS

Briefly

Redskins' Foster carted off field at practice

ASHBURN, Va. — Washington Redskins linebacker Reuben Foster was carted off the field Monday with an apparent left leg injury, just a few minutes into the first session of the team's offseason workouts.

Foster fell to the ground during the first practice drill — a light team scrimmage — appearing to be in significant pain as he pounded his hand against the turf. Coach Jay Gruden, team president Bruce Allen and defensive coordinator Greg Manusky all looked on as Foster was tended to by the team's training staff.

Foster remained on the ground for about 10 minutes before being lifted onto a cart and taken off with an air cast on his left leg.

Magic cites GM Pelinka as reason for quitting

Magic Johnson's abrupt departure from the Los Angeles Lakers' front office in April never was really explained all that well, with Johnson himself only saying that he wanted "to go back to being a businessman and helping the black community and the Latino community" and that he didn't like being "handcuffed" by NBA anti-tampering rules that prevented him from talking about players on other teams.

On Monday, however, Johnson spun an entirely different tale, mainly that he resented the "backstabbing" and "whispering" behind his back, and he pointed the finger directly at General Manager Rob Pelinka, who was hired at the same time Johnson assumed the team's presidency.

Johnson added later that his only problem was with Pelinka, whom he said was trying to undercut him with the goal of assuming his job.

Nadal tops Djokovic for 9th Italian Open title

ROME — Rafael Nadal is right back where he wants to be.

After losing in the semifinals of three straight clay-court tournaments, Nadal dominated for stretches against his longtime rival, Novak Djokovic, in a 6-0, 4-6, 6-1 win Sunday for a record-extending ninth Italian Open title.

It marked the first time in an Open Era record 54 meetings that Nadal won a set against Djokovic without conceding a game.

Illinois DE Roundtree has spinal surgery

CHAMPAIGN, Illinois — Illinois defensive end Bobby Roundtree has severely injured his spine in a weekend swimming accident near his Florida home.

The university says on its website Monday that Roundtree had surgery on Sunday, a day after the accident. There were no details on what happened or an update on his condition.

Roundtree has started 20 games in his first two seasons and has 11½ sacks.

From wire reports



NATHAN DENETTE, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard drives past Bucks guard Malcolm Brogdon during the second overtime period of Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals on Sunday in Toronto. The Raptors won 118-112 to cut the Bucks' series lead to 2-1.

Leonard carries Raptors in 2OT

BY IAN HARRISON
Associated Press

TORONTO — Pascal Siakam felt guilty about a pair of missed free throws and the extra minutes they added to his teammates' night.

Fortunately for Siakam and the rest of the Raptors, Kawhi Leonard didn't seem to feel any fatigue. Leonard scored 36 points, including eight in the second overtime, and Toronto beat Milwaukee 118-112 on Sunday night to cut the Bucks' lead in the Eastern Conference finals to 2-1.

Leonard made 11 of 25 shots and went 12-for-13 at the free throw line in more than 52 minutes of action, a playoff career high.

"At the end of the game, Kawhi said he played an hour of basketball," Siakam said. "I told him 'My bad.'"

Leonard had nine rebounds and five assists despite appearing to be bothered by some leg discomfort. He said he would keep fighting and playing.

"I mean, it's 52 minutes and it's in the playoffs, so you definitely feel it. When you play 30 minutes, you feel it still," Leonard said. "Just got to not worry about it, get my treatment and move on to the next one."

Leonard's previous career high in playoff minutes was 46, set with San Antonio against Miami in Game 6 of the NBA Finals on June 18, 2013. The Spurs lost that game in overtime, then lost Game 7 two days later.

Siakam had 25 points and 11

rebounds, Norman Powell scored 19 points before fouling out, and Marc Gasol had 16 points and 12 rebounds. The Raptors will try to draw even when they host Game 4 on Tuesday night.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 12 points and 23 rebounds before fouling out with 4:24 to go in the second overtime. Antetokounmpo shot 5-for-16.

"They were just playing better than us," Antetokounmpo said. "Whenever we got close, they'd hit some shots and take the lead back to seven or eight. At the end of the day, it wasn't our best game. We can get a lot better."

Toronto won despite guards Kyle Lowry and Powell both fouling out in the fourth quarter. Siakam also missed a pair of free throws with 74 seconds left in regulation that could have iced the game for the Raptors.

"It's tough," Siakam said. "Those are shots that you practice and think about every day." Siakam redeemed himself by blocking a potential tying shot by Brook Lopez with 43 seconds to go in the second overtime, leading to a layup for Leonard that put Toronto up 114-110 with just over 30 seconds to play.

George Hill scored 20 points and Malcolm Brogdon had 24 for the Bucks, who lost for the first time in five road games this postseason. Milwaukee is 10-2 overall in the playoffs.

"We were right on the cusp of winning a game when we didn't play that well," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said.

The Raptors led 103-99 with 1:26 to go in the first overtime but

Hill tied it at 103 by making a pair of free throws with 14 seconds left. Toronto used its final timeout to draw up a play for Leonard, who let the clock run down to 3 seconds before driving for a jumper that missed, sending it to a second extra period.

Hill's tiebreaking basket to begin the second overtime put Milwaukee up 105-103, its first lead since the opening basket of the game.

Gasol answered with a three and Leonard finished a fast break with a left-handed dunk, putting Toronto up 108-105 with 3:13 left.

Khris Middleton shot 3-for-16, but one of his baskets tied the score with 2.2 seconds to go in regulation. He finished with nine points.

After suggesting Saturday that he might change his lineup, Raptors coach Nick Nurse stuck with his normal starters, but gave Powell 30 minutes, the most he's played in any game this postseason.

"We just played a lot tougher, man," Nurse said. "We were up guarding and we were physical. And we were ready to play tonight."

Toronto fell behind 9-0 early in a blowout loss in Game 2, but turned that around in Game 3. After Antetokounmpo made a layup for the opening basket of the game, Siakam replied with a hook shot. Gasol followed with a three and the Raptors didn't trail again in regulation.

"After a tough Game 2 personally, you want to come out and get rid of the bad taste," Gasol said.

NBA scoreboard

Sunday
Raptors 118, Bucks 112
(2OT)

MILWAUKEE — Mirocic 3-11 3-10, Antetokounmpo 5-16 2-7 12, Lopez 5-10 3-3 16, Bledsoe 3-16 4-5 11, Middleton 3-16 2-4 9, Ilyasova 1-4 0-0 2, Hill 7-9 7-8 24, Brogdon 8-17 1-2 20, Connaughton 3-10-0 8. Totals 38-102 23-112.

TORONTO — Leonard 11-25 12-13 36, Siakam 9-18 5-9 25, McCasol 5-10 2-7 16, Lowry 4-7 0-0 11, Green 1-9 0-4 3, Powell 7-13 2-2 19, Ibaka 2-9 0-0 5, VanVleet 1-11 0-3 3, Meeks 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-102 21-26 18.

Milwaukee 30 28 19 7 9-112
Toronto 30 28 19 7 15-118
Three-point goals—Milwaukee 14-44 (Hill 3-4, Lopez 3-7, Brogdon 3-8, Connaughton 2-2, Bledsoe 1-6, Middleton 1-6, Mirocic 1-7, Ilyasova 0-1, Antetokounmpo 9-3), Toronto 17-45 (McCasol 4-8, Powell 9-3, Lowry 3-6, Leonard 2-4, Siakam 2-5, Ibaka 1-3, Green 1-6, VanVleet 1-8). Fouled Out—Lowry, Powell, Antetokounmpo. Rebounds—Milwaukee 63 (Antetokounmpo 23), Toronto 55 (McCasol 12). Assists—Milwaukee 22 (Antetokounmpo 7), Toronto 28 (McCasol 7). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 30, Toronto 30. A—19,923 (19,800).

Conference finals

(Best-of-seven; 2-1 necessary)

Eastern Conference

Milwaukee 2, Toronto 1
Milwaukee 105, Toronto 103
Sunday: Toronto 118, Milwaukee 112 (2OT)

Tuesday at Toronto
APN-Sports, 2:30 a.m. Wednesday
CET; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday JKT

Thursday at Milwaukee
APN-Sports, 2:30 a.m. Friday CET; 9:30 a.m. Friday JKT

Saturday at Toronto
APN-Sports, 2:30 a.m. Sunday CET; 9:30 a.m. Sunday JKT

Sunday at Milwaukee
APN-Sports, 2:30 a.m. Tuesday CET; 8 a.m. Tuesday JKT

Western Conference
Golden State 3, Portland 0
Golden State 116, Portland 94
Golden State 110, Portland 99
Monday at Portland
x-Wednesday at Golden State
APN-Sports, 3 a.m. Thursday CET; 10 a.m. Thursday JKT

x-Friday at Portland
x-Sunday, May 26, at Golden State

SPORTS



Blues' dream

St. Louis on brink of first final since 1970 » Page 30

GOLF

Enduring victory

Koepka survives toughest day of career to win second consecutive PGA title

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

B FARMINGDALE, N.Y. rooks Koepka should know as well as anyone that nothing in golf comes easily.

His well-documented journey to the PGA Tour took him to remote outposts like Kenya and Kazakhstan. Even after Koepka won a second straight U.S. Open last summer, which no one had done in

29 years, it didn't seem enough to be the first name mentioned among the next generation of stars.

So he spent three days setting records at Bethpage Black in the PGA Championship — the first player to shoot 63 in consecutive years in the majors, the lowest

36-hole score in major championship history and a seven-shot lead, the largest ever for 54 holes in the PGA Championship.

And then he endured the toughest day of his career Sunday, which turned into the most rewarding.

"I'm glad I've got this thing sitting next to me," Koepka said as he looked at the shiny Wanamaker Trophy. "It's very satisfying, this one. This is definitely the most satisfying of all the ones I've won."

Moments earlier, after he turned a potential meltdown into the kind of clutch play that has defined his career, Koepka draped his muscular arms around the top of the trophy and let out a deep sigh from stress and satisfaction, and then he smiled.

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Brooks Koepka reacts after sinking a putt on the 18th green to win the PGA Championship Sunday at Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, N.Y.

CHARLES KRUPA/AP



Leonard, Raptors get crucial double-OT win » Page 31



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